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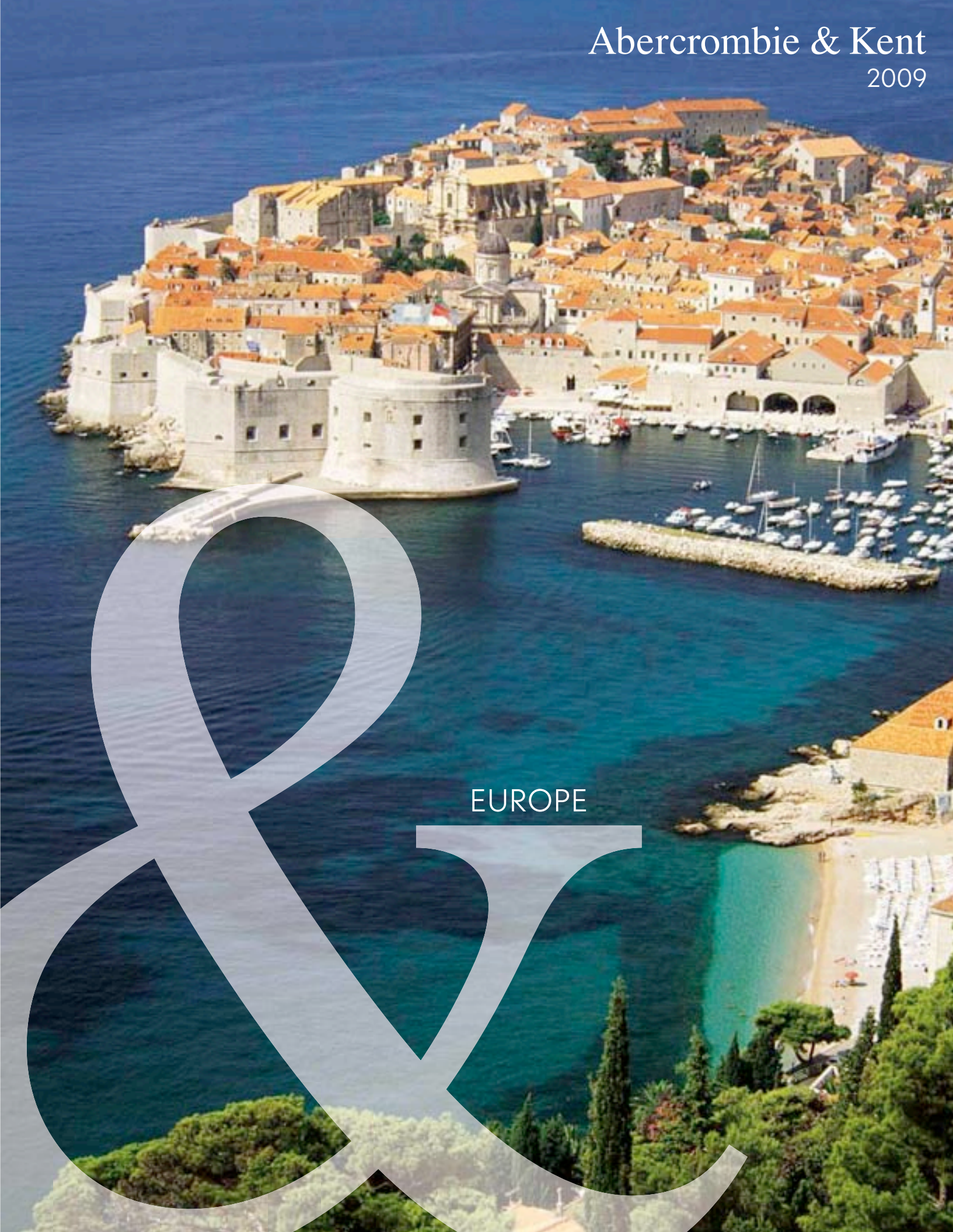


EUROPE

we felt the rhythm of the city, seemingly in sync with the rocking of the gondolas.

Going beyond the expected.

Think of a moment in your life when your expectations were utterly transcended: a celebration where everything went exactly right, a routine journey that suddenly became remarkable through a surprise encounter with a friendly face.

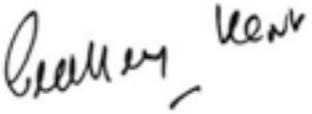
Life delivers these occasions rarely. Abercrombie & Kent delivers them every day.

I helped found Abercrombie & Kent in the belief that travel should always surprise, stimulate and inspire. We don't count on luck to exceed your expectations: we take you to places others can't go and introduce you to people who embody the true character of your destination.

We don't simply bring you to Ephesus; we can arrange for a private dinner amid the ruins ... with entertainment by a quintet from the Izmir Symphony Orchestra.

Exceeding expectations is a hallmark of the Abercrombie & Kent travel experience — so much so that we've adopted the phrase "& moment" to describe those occasions when we deliver more than you ever thought possible.

I am proud to invite you to join us for a new season of unforgettable journeys.



Geoffrey Kent
Founder, Chairman & CEO
Abercrombie & Kent

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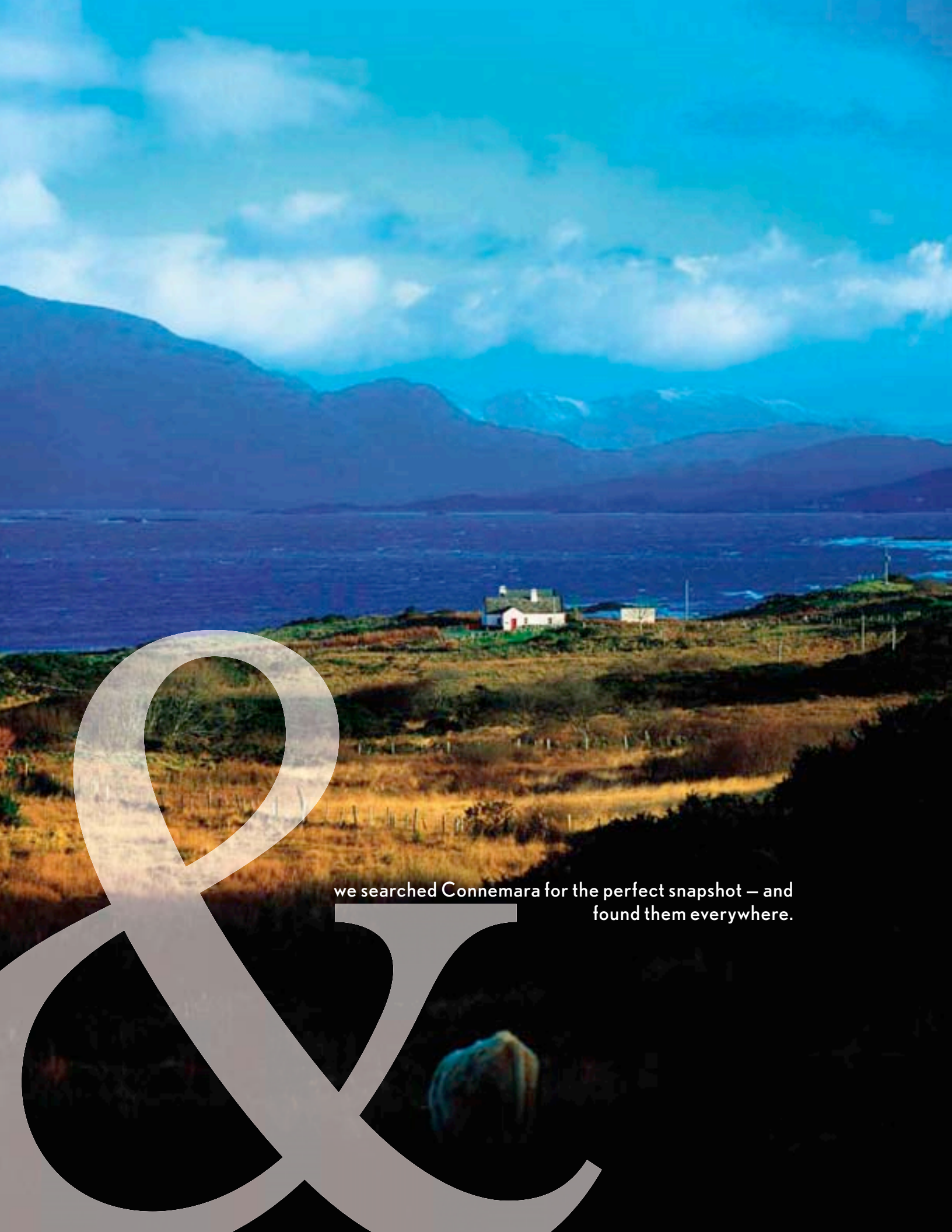

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we searched Connemara for the perfect snapshot — and found them everywhere.

Setting the standard for more than 47 years.

Our pioneering approach continues to earn the praise of travellers and professionals alike.

Since 1962, Abercrombie & Kent has continually redefined what is possible in luxury travel. Our service and reputation are tested every day against the dreams and expectations of the world's most discerning travellers. Time and again, we pass the test. We listen to both our clients and to travel agents, who rate us against our competitors, and the message is clear: A&K sets the standard for luxury and service in the travel industry.

Best Outfitters on Earth: Luxury | 2007

Best Tour Operator: Africa/Middle East | 2007

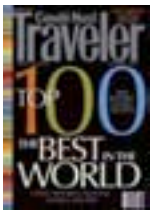
Best Tour Operator and Safari Outfitter | 1996 - 2007
Best Small-Ship Cruise Lines 2006

Best Tour Operator: Africa/ Middle East | 2007 - 2008
Most Knowledgeable Reservation Staff | 2006 - 2007

Best Worldwide Tour Operator 2005 - 2008

Best Luxury Tour Operator - International
Best Africa Tour Operator 2004 - 2007
World's Best Cruise Ships 1997 - 2007

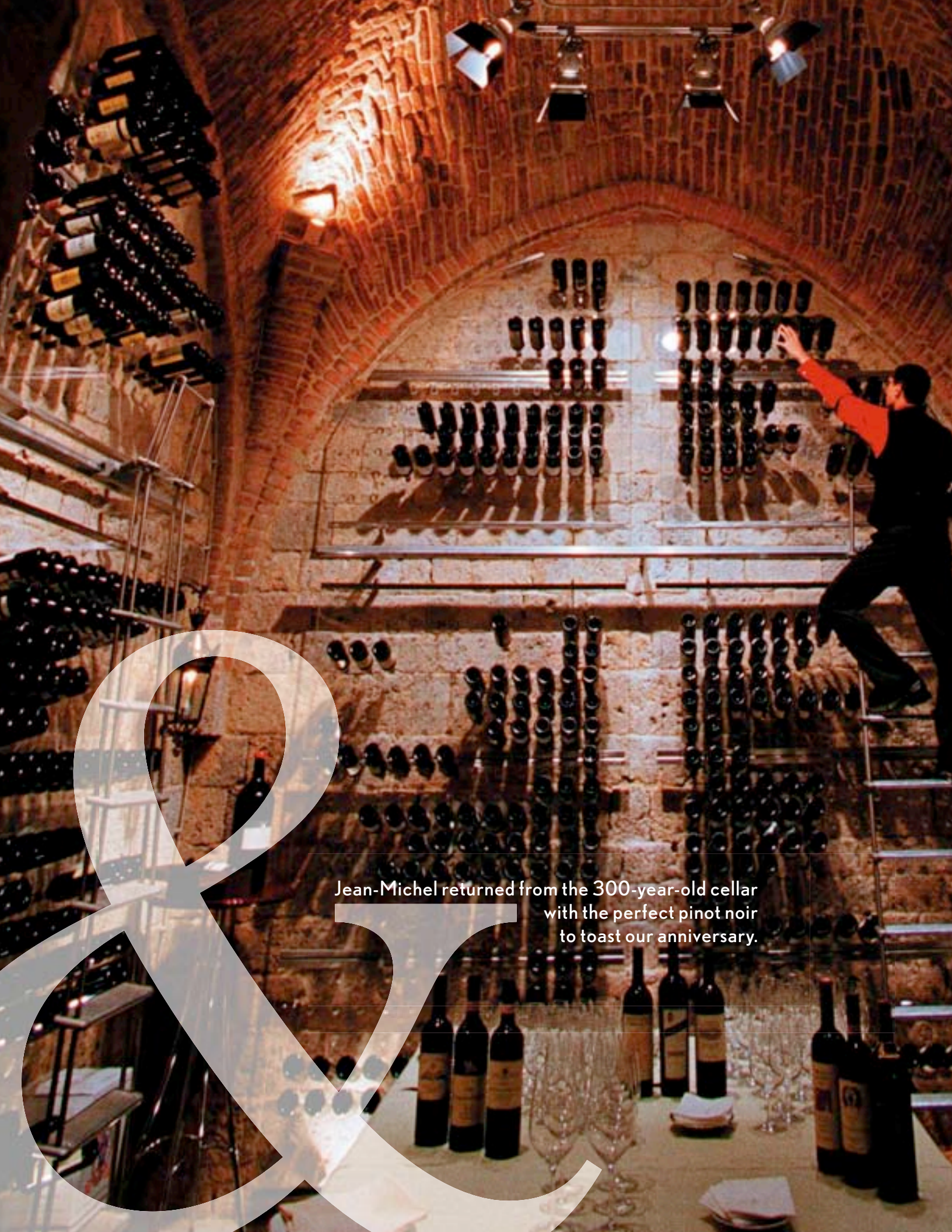
World's Leading Luxury Specialist Tour Operator | 2003 - 2006
World's Leading Villa Operator 2003 - 2006



Reader's Choice Award:
Top 15 African Safari Camps
Chief's Camp | 2003, 2005
Olonana and Chief's Camp | 2004
Chobe Chilwero | 2002
Greatest Travel Pros on Earth 2006 - 2007

Best Luxury Tour Operator, Best Safari Outfitter | 2005

Best Africa/Middle East Tour Operator | 2000 - 2006
Best Cruise Ships | 1997 - 2007



Jean-Michel returned from the 300-year-old cellar with the perfect pinot noir to toast our anniversary.

The "& Moment."

What sets Abercrombie & Kent apart?

Imagine studying the Medicis' private art collection in Florence. Or practicing the tango in the ballroom of a historic mansion in Buenos Aires with a local expert guiding your steps. Picture yourself dining amid the ruins of Ephesus, a string quintet playing in the background. Or descending into the tomb of Seti I, among the most magnificent in Egypt, where access is only granted to a select few.

We call these "& moments," the occasions of surprise and delight that make travel with Abercrombie & Kent so distinctly inspiring. An "& moment" might be a meeting with a renowned cultural expert, taking a meal in the quiet solitude of a 300-year-old abbey or joining Buddhist monks in an offering of food and incense. All introduce you to your destination with an intimacy beyond the reach of any other travel company.

Look for these "& moments" as you read, and discover what makes every Abercrombie & Kent journey unforgettable.

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we were left speechless by the beauty and detail of the Hagia Sophia.

Creating the effortless journey.

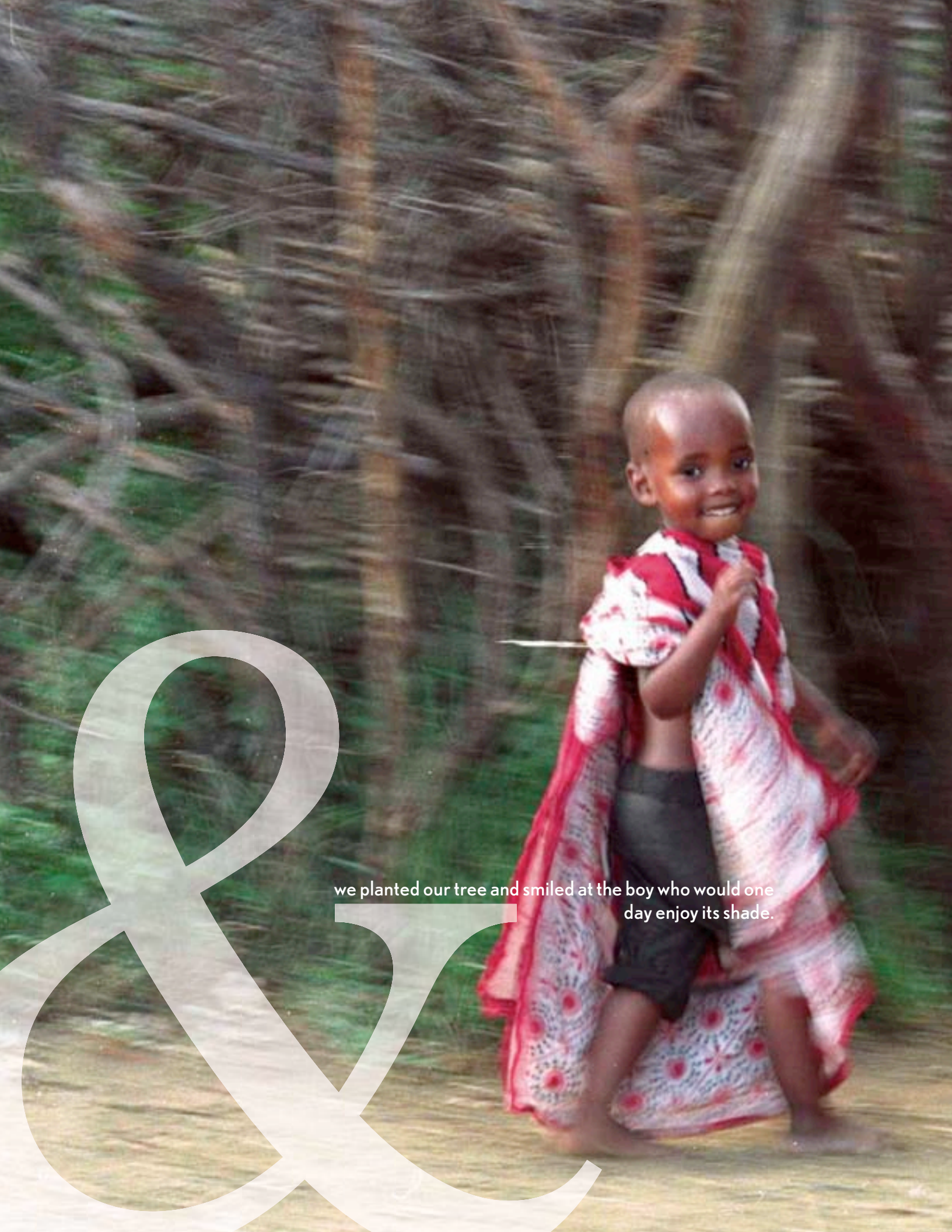
Our feet-on-the-ground approach is unique in the travel industry.

Every Abercrombie & Kent departure is backed by a handpicked staff in our 60 offices worldwide. Our full-time staff members are on call every day around the clock, ready at any time to provide you with everything you need for an extraordinary journey.

As well as ensuring your comfort, our long-standing connections allow us to uncover local secrets and experiences beyond the reach of the ordinary traveller. Anyone can take you to the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, but only Abercrombie & Kent opens its doors for you when it is closed to the public. From exotic dining opportunities to once-in-a-lifetime encounters with friendly local people, we can arrange the kind of privileged access that sets an Abercrombie & Kent journey beyond all others.

Our expertise extends to every aspect of your journey: we're experts in not only luxury but in culture, wildlife and history, and we know how to blend them all to seamlessly reveal your destination. Our guides are chosen for their absolute (sometimes lifelong) dedication to understanding those wonders that make every place unique.

Contrast our approach with ordinary travel companies, who rely on third parties to create their programs and to support them on the ground. We take personal responsibility for every stage of your journey, sparing no effort to deliver the most inspiring travel experience possible.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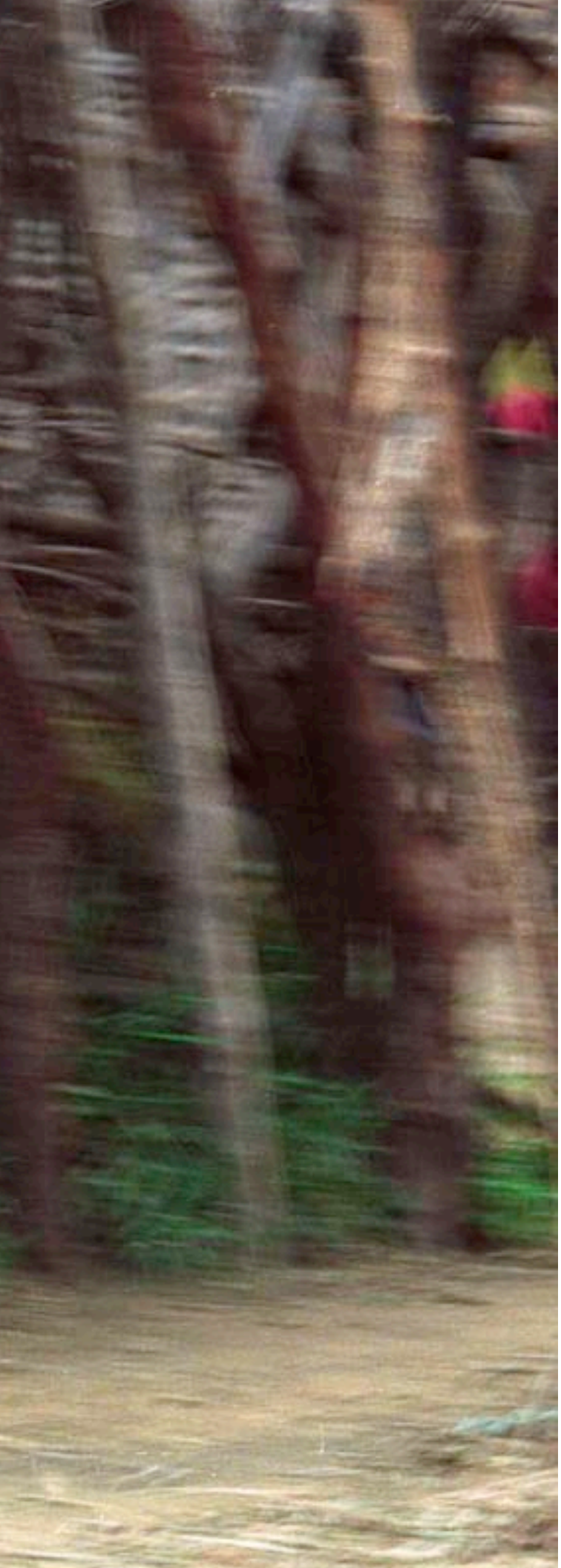
we planted our tree and smiled at the boy who would one
day enjoy its shade.



A&K Philanthropy.

A deep-rooted concern for the natural world infuses each and every Abercrombie & Kent journey.

Abercrombie & Kent believes passionately that travel should both respect the natural environment and benefit the indigenous peoples whose lands we visit. For more than 25 years, we have worked to ensure that human populations, flora and fauna continue to survive and coexist successfully.

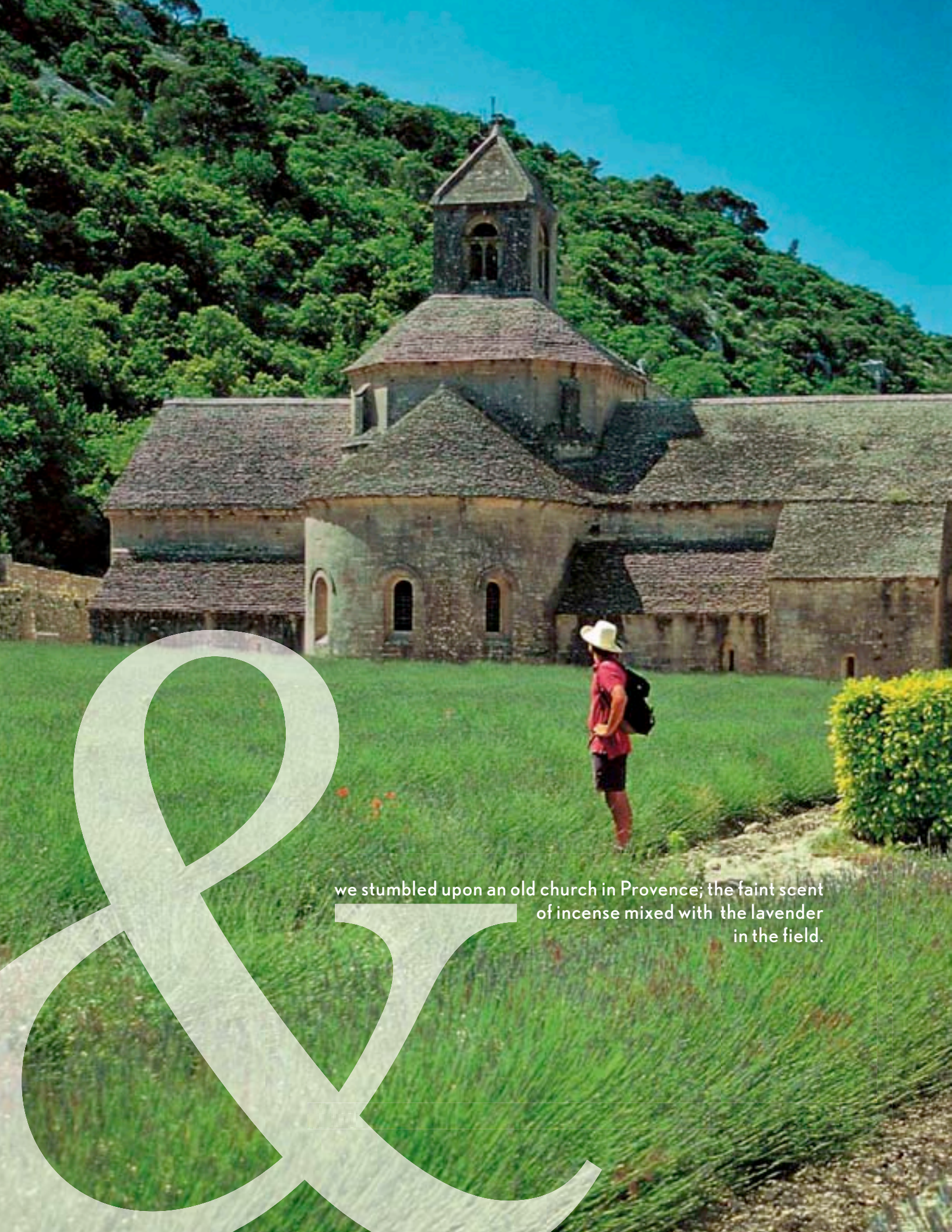
Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, guided by Vice Chairman Jorie Butler Kent, facilitates our commitment to socially and ecologically responsible travel worldwide, as well as helping our guests to become actively involved in these efforts.

Every Abercrombie & Kent office plays a hands-on role in its community, sponsoring an on-site project that benefits both people and the environment, such as:

- Donating books, school supplies and plants to Croatia's Botanical Gardens of Ostrog School
- Swiftly mobilizing to aid the victims of Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar, raising more than $250,000 in 30 days and bringing the first shipments of food and clothing to devastated areas
- Combating deforestation in Africa by planting more than 30,000 native trees, many personally planted by A&K guests

Select A&K journeys (indicated with a icon in this brochure) include opportunities for travellers to personally contribute to these projects. We are proud to join with our guests in preserving habitats and improving living conditions for indigenous peoples around the world.

Programs marked with this symbol include philanthropic activities in which guests may take part.



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we stumbled upon an old church in Provence; the faint scent of incense mixed with the lavender in the field.

A&K's escorted journeys satisfy every traveller and every taste.

Experience the Abercrombie & Kent difference with like-minded fellow travellers.

Abercrombie & Kent provides a range of escorted journeys, all of which share the signature benefits of A&K travel. Journey with an intimate party usually numbering 14 or so guests (never more than 24). Your days are filled with sightseeing conducted by seasoned A&K guides and enhanced with our trademark insider-access experiences; spend your nights in comfort at your destination's finest hotels. Your airport transfers are always included, regardless of what airline you choose. With our **Travelling Bell Boy**® service in Europe, you never have to leave your bags out early or wait for luggage to be delivered to your room; **personal headphones** ensure perfect communication with your guide in crowded museums. And of course, all escorted programs include around-the-clock support from local experts in 60 offices throughout the world.

Choose the escorted journey for you from the options below.

THE CONNOISSEURS SERIES

The finest inclusive A&K travel experience

- Comprehensive, fully escorted sightseeing
- Enjoy the activity of your choice with Design Your Day℠ options in select destinations
- Most meals included

THE DISCOVERY SERIES

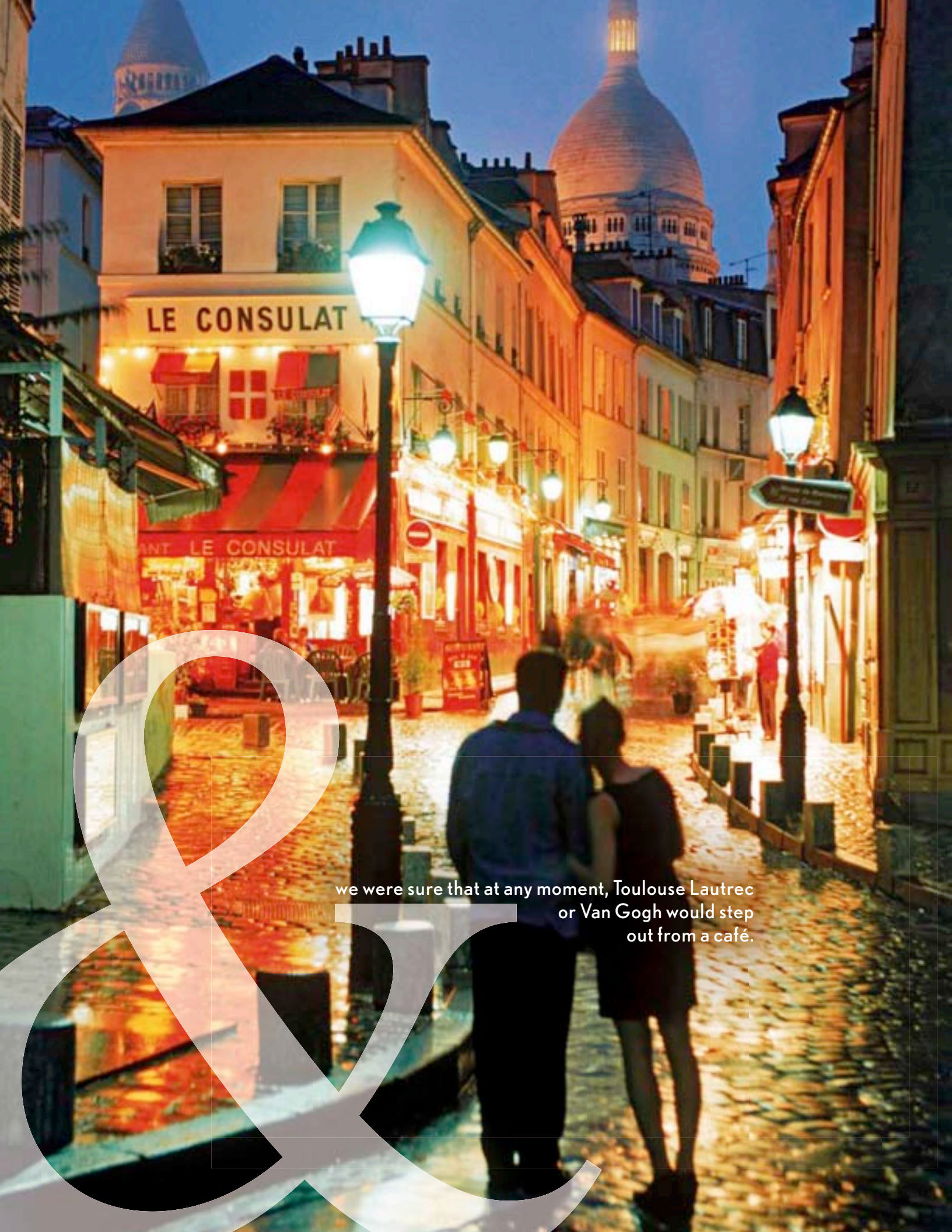
Freedom and flexibility to discover your destination on your own

- A shorter journey focusing on the "must-see" sites at each destination
- Escorted sightseeing with time to explore independently
- Many meals included

THE FAMILY SERIES

Journeys for every generation

- Journeys offered to coincide with holidays and school vacations
- Family activities for all age groups
- Fully escorted, family-paced sightseeing, with child-friendly meals included
- Adventure Crew℠ to engage young travellers with pre-trip online games and activities and fun travel gear
- Enjoy the activity of your choice with Design Your Day options in select destinations



we were sure that at any moment, Toulouse Lautrec
or Van Gogh would step
out from a café.

For some travellers, the best itinerary is their own.

Let us show you the world ... exactly how you want to see it.

Abercrombie & Kent's independent journeys allow you to travel in privacy and on your own schedule, while still enjoying the same comfort, enriching sightseeing and attentive service as our escorted programs. Choose an ideal pre-arranged itinerary or let us create one with only the sights you long to see, and with our **Silver** or **Gold Tiered Pricing**, you have the option of staying at four- or five-star properties in select destinations.

In Europe a **Guardian Angel**SM is always on hand to lend expertise and support. An escort accompanies you to the train station on journeys that feature **Concierge Rail Service**. All of our independent travel programs feature local A&K guides, private airport transfers on arrival and departure and the trademark support of A&K's top-notch staff around the world.

Follow your own path with the independent journey of your choice.

THE SIGNATURE SERIESSM

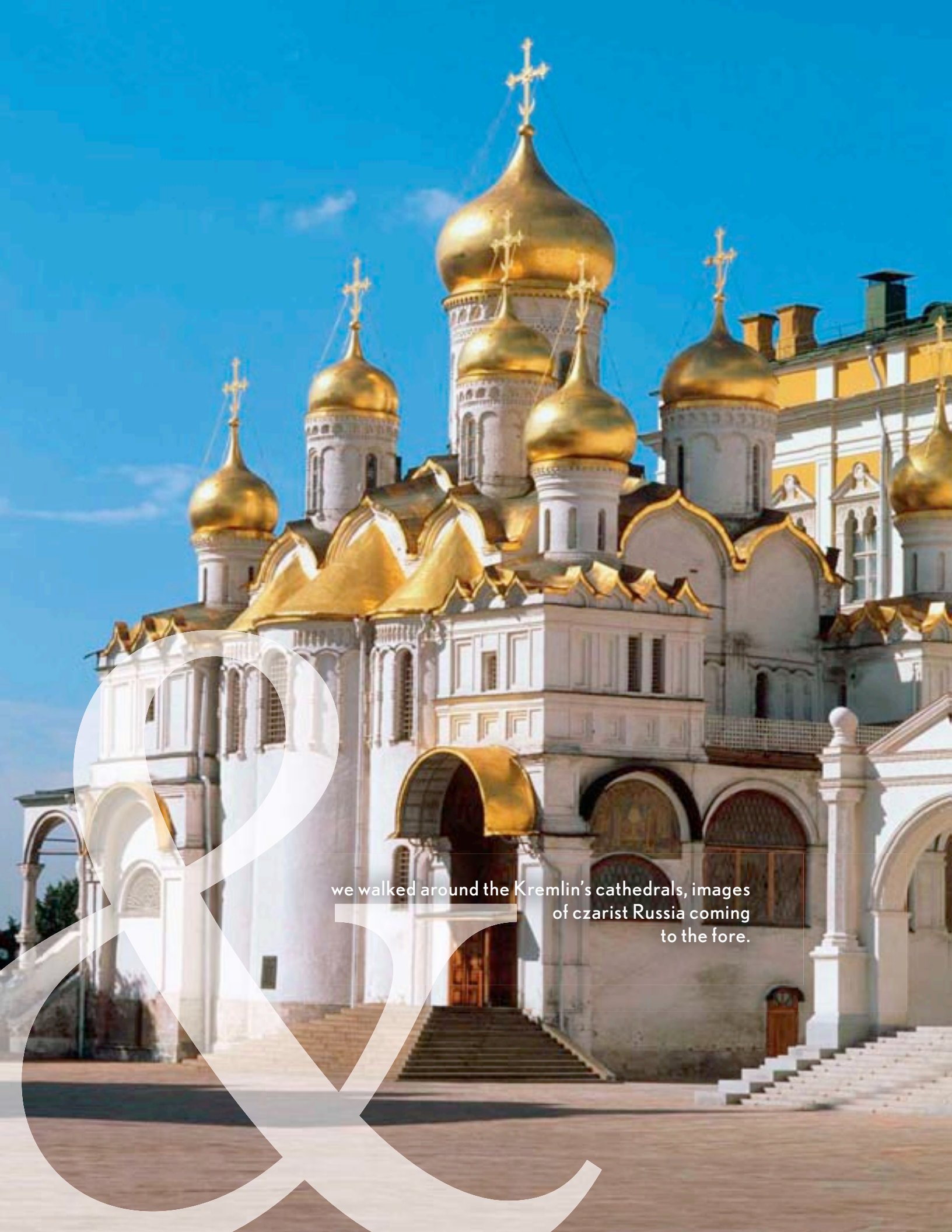
The perfect independent journey, researched and ready to book

- The best itinerary of "must-sees" at each destination, researched for you by A&K
- A complete journey ready to confirm with a single phone call
- The best hotels recommended from A&K's hotel portfolio
- Pre- and post-journey extensions available

TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Completely customizable travel for any size party

- Start from our suggestions or create a journey completely from scratch
- Choose from any of A&K's recommended hotels
- Private sightseeing based on your interests, accompanied by the finest A&K local guides
- An expert A&K destination specialist works with you to tailor the perfect journey



we walked around the Kremlin's cathedrals, images of czarist Russia coming to the fore.

Your Guides to Europe.

Meet the men and women eager to transform your understanding of Europe, its culture and its people. Intelligent, knowledgeable and supremely organized, our guides become such an indispensable part of your journey you'll scarcely be able to imagine going anywhere else without them.

Born in England, **Jeremy Kerrison** studied French, Spanish and Portuguese before becoming a Tour Director. He lived in several countries, including the U.S. and Canada, before settling in Wales. A qualified translator, he specializes in travel literature and has edited Michelin guides to Spain and Portugal. Jeremy is a keen sportsman and captains his local tennis club, plays cricket and golf and enjoys long walks through the European countryside.

Born to Franco-Polish parents in London, **Ladislas Ciechanowski** began his working life as an agriculturalist and estate manager in France and England; he still manages the family farm on a part-time basis. Now a popular A&K Tour Director, Ladislas' linguistic gifts (he has English, Polish, Italian, French and German to his credit) and his informed pan-European outlook make him an ideal travelling companion on the European continent.

A diplomat specializing in East-West relations before joining A&K 19 years ago, **Simon Butler-Madden** has accompanied groups throughout Europe. His involvement in the arts, politics and culture of Europe gives him a unique insight that he shares with his travellers. He is a connoisseur of European wines and cuisine, even producing his own olive oil on a small farm in Spain. When not escorting A&K travellers, Simon works as a business and travel consultant in Madrid.

Although he has a teaching degree, **Vincenzo de Michelis** has never taught in a classroom — only on the road with his eager travellers. Born in Rome to an Italian father and an American mother, Vincenzo has worked in more than 100 countries, travelling year round as a professional tour leader. When he is not travelling for work, quite incredibly he is travelling for pleasure — and by last count has been to 242 countries. Fluent in six languages, he finds someone to talk to wherever he goes.

A professional guide in Moscow for 25 years, **Marianna Kiseleva** has a special license that permits her to conduct tours in the Kremlin, the Tretyakov Gallery and the Pushkin Fine Arts Museum. Her studies have included Russian arts, architecture and world history — subjects for her lectures today. In addition, Marianna has authored many works on Russian history and the arts, including the lives and works of Tolstoy and Tchaikovsky.

A resident of Istanbul, **Han Eryilmaz's** astonishing grasp of Turkish culture and history — combined with his charming and dry wit — have made him one of A&K's most popular regional Tour Directors. Degrees in both mechanical engineering and art history fostered an "analytical and poetic look on life." His career in travel fuels an ongoing interest in the world's cultures and religions.

World Traveller Plus

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It's as clear as the air above the clouds.

Booking your air reservation through A&K is the best way to fly.

Our special fares are available only through A&K, on flights timed to work best with your itinerary. While airline prices are guaranteed only on the day you buy your ticket, you can reserve our quoted rates now and pay for your ticket later on the same schedule as the rest of your trip. Airline fuel surcharges may apply.

A&K can cancel and refund air tickets up to the day before departure, less a fee, for our special British Airways fares. (Tickets you book yourself may be non-refundable.)

Get the mileage credit offered by your frequent-flyer club. Most special-rate tickets don't earn miles, but reservations booked through A&K earn mileage credit where applicable.

Choose your seat when you make your reservation. A&K's special relationship with British Airways allows us to reserve your preferred seat at time of booking.

Fly British Airways. With 18 gateway cities throughout the U.S. and four in Canada, British Airways flies more people to more countries than any other airline. Its wide range of seating arrangements all incorporate the very latest in comfortable ergonomic design — including fully flat beds, where available, in First Class and new Club World (Business Class). Club World's new seats give you your own space to do what you want, when you want. Bigger, wider and more comfortable than ever, Club World seating guarantees complete comfort in any position.

Stated benefits and conditions of purchase through A&K are correct at time of publication, but may be subject to change at any time.

New Club World seating currently being rolled out across the British Airways fleet.

Britain & Ireland

Your first visit to Europe may have been to Great Britain or Ireland, and you may be tempted to think you've seen it all. Yet the treasures are limitless.

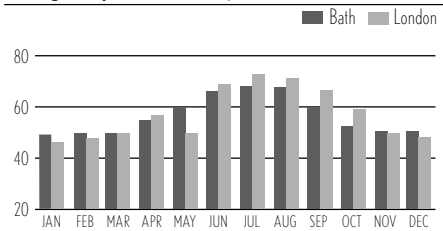
The past unfolds before your eyes wherever you go. Approach Stonehenge's prehistoric monoliths and contemplate their origin ... and purpose. Gaze at medieval castle ruins, imagining the epic struggles that took place there. Stand in awe of the Magna Carta and the Book of Kells, documents that enshrine moments in history.

But a journey to the British Isles is also heather-clad hillsides, winding backwaters with paddling ducks, rocky cliffs at ocean's edge and rolling hills of emerald green. It is legendary hospitality, a refined sense of comfort and people whose humor and tenacity are world-renowned.

A journey to England, Ireland and Scotland puts you in the center of enchanting history and inspiring culture.

ENGLAND

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bath	18	15	8	4	7	13	10	12	19	9	15	13
London	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	7	6	7

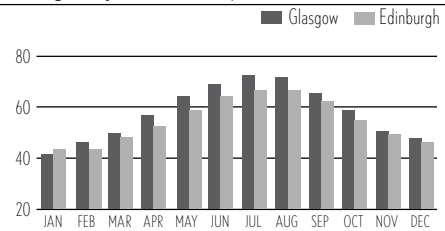
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 5 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

SCOTLAND

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Glasgow	19	16	15	6	6	5	6	6	6	8	11	10
Edinburgh	6	5	6	5	6	5	7	8	6	7	6	7

TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 5 hours

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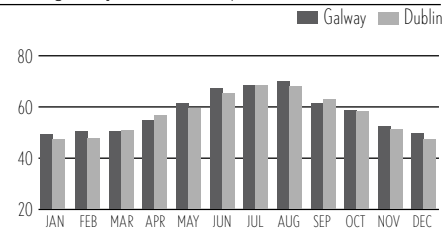
IRELAND

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Galway	20	8	9	17	5	5	12	12	14	16	13	10
Dublin	8	7	6	6	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	8

TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 5 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Insiders' Ireland

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

11 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Tuesday | Limited to 24 passengers

The rolling emerald hills of the Ring of Kerry

& Overnight at Glin Castle as privileged guests of the Knight of Glin • Sit down to lunch with the owners of Kilshannig House, the ancestral home of the late Princess Diana • Privately visit Curraghmore, a treasure trove of antiques and home of the Marquis of Waterford • Join porcelain collector Desiree Shortt for lunch at her 18th-century Dublin mansion

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Shannon, Ireland/Cong
Depart on an overnight flight to Shannon, named for the famous river that flows through it, and transfer on arrival to your 13th-century castle hotel in Cong. This evening, meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. *Ashford Castle D*

DAY 3: Cong/Westport/Connemara/Cong
Head North into County Mayo today to Westport House, a stately home designed by architect James Wyatt for the Marquess of Sligo. His other major accomplishment was laying the plans for the town of Westport, one of the most attractive in an area of picturesque towns. After lunch, drive along the coastline, then inland to Kylemore Abbey. Set into the hill and surrounded by trees and fronted by a tranquil lake, this stunning building with gray stone turrets and a Gothic chapel was built in 1854 as a private home and is now a convent and girls' school run by Benedictine nuns. This evening, dine in an Irish pub and enjoy the *craic* (fun). *Ashford Castle B L D*

DAY 4: Cong/Galway/The Burren/Cliffs of Moher/Glin
Travel through Galway, stopping at the spectacular cathedral in the pedestrian center of town. This city is known for the annual Galway Oyster Festival. Visit an oyster cottage just outside the city. As you continue from Galway to the scenic Clare coastline, you may see the Aran Islands off in the distance. Peeking out along the Atlantic Coast, watch for O'Brien's Tower, a single turret high on the Cliffs of Moher. The dramatic cliffs rise 700 feet above the mighty ocean, and even at that height it is possible to feel a spray of the salty water. Travel over the moon-like landscape of the Burren and settle in as guests of the Knight of Glin at Glin Castle, set amid 500 acres on the shores of the River Shannon. *Glin Castle B L D*

DAY 5: Glin/Gap of Dunloe/Killarney/Kenmare
Experience the dramatic, narrow mountain pass of the Gap of Dunloe by pony and trap. The multiple shades of green from the mountains reflect off glistening lakes, creating remarkable views from every angle. After lunch, continue south to watch a traditional

sheep herding demonstration before arriving at your hotel for a private whiskey tasting and dinner. *Sheen Falls Lodge B D*

DAY 6: Kenmare/Ring of Kerry/Bantry Bay/Kenmare

Depart for Bantry Bay, passing some of Ireland's most spectacular areas of natural beauty along the way. The shifting balance of rain and sun only enhances the picturesque Ring of Kerry with its glorious highlands and meadows, while the remote and mountainous Beara Peninsula creates stunning coastal scenery. On arrival in Bantry Bay, take a short boat trip across the bay to Garnish Island. Return to the mainland for lunch and a visit to Bantry House. Tonight dine à la carte. *Sheen Falls Lodge B L D*

DAY 7: Kenmare/Blarney Castle/Rock of Cashel/Thomastown

Visit the 15th-century stronghold of Blarney Castle to view the main house and the grounds. The famous Blarney Stone is located atop the castle tower. From there, lunch privately at Kilshannig House, ancestral home of Diana, the late Princess of Wales. Continue to County Tipperary and the ruins of the Rock of Cashel, steeped in legend and seat of the Kings of Munster since AD 370. *Mount Juliet Hotel B L D*

DAY 8: Thomastown/Waterford/Curraghmore/Thomastown

This morning you may choose to visit Waterford's famous crystal factory or book a tee time and golf at your hotel. In the afternoon, visit privately with the Marquis of Waterford in Curraghmore at his home, which dates back to 1170 and whose gardens are well worth a leisurely stroll. *Mount Juliet Hotel B*

DAY 9: Thomastown/The National Stud/Dublin

Travel to the midlands, the area known for its turf bogs and the home of many thoroughbred racehorses. Wander through Ireland's famous National Stud in Tully, Kildare, created to promote the bloodstock industry in Ireland by providing the services of the country's best stallions. Dublin is less than an hour away, and you arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon sightseeing tour that takes in the highlights of this popular capital city. Gather with your fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner. *The Merrion B L D*

DAY 10: Dublin

Design Your Day this morning from the options listed below. Later, enjoy a private lunch at the 18th-century mansion home of porcelain collector Desiree Shortt. Mark the end of your extraordinary journey with a farewell cocktail reception, a great opportunity to share impressions with your fellow travellers. *The Merrion B L*

DAY 11: Dublin/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

Design Your Day — Dublin: Choose from discovering Dublin's art galleries, including the National Gallery of Ireland; taking an antiquing walk with a specialist or exploring the local shops followed by tea in the city's charming cafés.

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Upgrade your room to River View at Mount Juliet — from $ 90 per person per night.

A village in County Cork's Beara Peninsula

PRICE PER PERSON	
Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	$ 9,995
Single supplement	$ 3,430

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DEPARTURE DATES							
2009	May 16	- 26	Jul 11	- 21	Sep 05	- 15
	Jun 06	- 16	Aug 15	- 25		

Signature Scotland

An Independent Itinerary

9 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Wednesday

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Edinburgh, Scotland
Depart by overnight flight to Edinburgh, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.
The Balmoral

DAY 3: Edinburgh
A local guide takes you to Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace, the Queen's official residence in Scotland. End your day in Leith with a visit to the former royal yacht 'Britannia.' *The Balmoral B*

DAY 4: Edinburgh/Spean Bridge
Begin your luxurious three-night rail journey on The Royal Scotsman. Enjoy afternoon tea as you travel along the edge of Gare Loch toward Arrochar, where you have your first glimpse of Loch Lomond. There are spectacular views of Rannoch Moor before you arrive in Spean Bridge where the train stables overnight. After a formal dinner, enjoy entertainment in the observation car.
The Royal Scotsman B D

DAY 5: Spean Bridge/Bridge of Orchy
Look out the window for a view of Ben Nevis before the route follows the stunning coastline to Arisaig. Disembark for a walk along the beautiful Morar Sands. Return to the train for lunch en route to Fort William. Visit Glenfinnan Monument with Ray Owens, a historic storyteller. Afternoon tea is served at The Factors Inn, exclusively for Royal Scotsman guests. Dinner is on board before the train stables for the night at Bridge of Orchy.
The Royal Scotsman B L D

DAY 6: Bridge of Orchy/Wemyss Bay
Travel south toward Glasgow before heading to Gourock. At Wemyss you take a ferry across to the Isle of Bute. From St. Blane's Chapel at the south of the island to the abandoned townships in Glen More at the north, every stone seems to have its tale to tell. Arrive at Mount Stuart, Britain's most spectacular Victorian Gothic house. Once afternoon tea is served, you have time to explore this magnificent residence and gardens. Return to the mainland and rejoin the train at Wemyss Bay, where a formal dinner is served and the train stables overnight. *The Royal Scotsman B L D*

DAY 7: Wemyss Bay/Edinburgh/Hopetoun/St. Andrews/ Gleneagles
Disembark in Edinburgh and continue into the Scottish countryside to stately Hopetoun House, often known as the "Versailles of Scotland." Later, explore the historic university town of St. Andrews en route to your renowned hotel in the Perthshire countryside.
The Gleneagles Hotel B

DAY 8: Gleneagles
Today is free to enjoy the facilities of the Gleneagles estate. Perhaps book an appointment with a personal trainer for a fitness assessment, swim, play tennis or pamper yourself with a spa treatment. You may also engage in equestrian activities, golf, fishing or falconry. Your driver-guide and private vehicle are at your disposal should you decide to further explore the region.
The Gleneagles Hotel B

DAY 9: Gleneagles/USA or Canada
Transfer to the Edinburgh or Glasgow Airport for your homebound flight. *B*

Playing a round of golf at Gleneagles

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land/train arrangements	**GOLD**	**SILVER**
Double occupancy	$ 11,585	$ 10,910
Single supplement^	$ 2,085	$ 1,475

Solo traveller price is available upon request.
^Prices shown are based on a single cabin aboard The Royal Scotsman.
Double cabin for single occupancy pricing is available on request.

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DEPARTURE DATES			
2009	May 19 - 27	Jun 23 - Jul 01	Sep 15 - 23
	May 26 - Jun 03	Aug 04 - 12	Sep 22 - 30
	Jun 09 - 17	Aug 11 - 19	Sep 29 - Oct 07
	Jun 16 - 24	Sep 08 - 16	Oct 13 - 21

The Royal Scotsman

Relax and unwind on a rail journey of Edwardian splendor and modern elegance

Step into the world of luxury train travel, reminiscent of a romantic age when the time spent travelling was savored and enjoyed. The Royal Scotsman luxury train is a private haven of both Edwardian splendor and modern luxury and travels through ancient mountains and mysterious highland *lochs*, golden glens and charming villages.

The majestic landscape of Scotland seduces all who visit, with its sweeping hills, stunning coastlines and rugged moorland. Today, the Scottish Highlands area is one of the most tranquil, unhurried corners of the world where time seems to stand still.

Aboard The Royal Scotsman you feel like an honored guest at a private party, which, indeed, you are. With a maximum of only 36 guests, there is plenty of personal attention on board. Enjoy the company of your fellow travellers, sit idly with a good book or merely gaze at the beautiful countryside outside your window.

Experience not just an exceptional restaurant on rails, but one that is comparable with the best in Britain.

From the moment the piper welcomes you aboard in Edinburgh, to the moment you return to this historic city, you are in the very best of hands, on the very best of trains.

CLASSIC

This is the quintessential Royal Scotsman experience and one of the most popular journeys. Beginning and ending in Edinburgh, it includes a private *ceilidh* (traditional musical evening) at Strathisla and a personal invitation to visit the magnificent house and gardens of Ballindalloch.

DURATION: 4 nights PRICE: $6,620 per person, double occupancy

WESTERN

The landscapes along the West Highland Line are stunning, offering one of the world's most scenic railway journeys. This itinerary takes you through dramatic Rannoch Moor to Mallaig and from Wemyss Bay across to the Isle of Bute for a private viewing of Mount Stuart, Britain's most spectacular Victorian Gothic house.

DURATION: 3 nights PRICE: $5,250 per person, double occupancy

HIGHLAND

Experience the drama and wild beauty of the Scottish Highlands as you travel north on the Highland Line through Aberdeen and Keith to Inverness. At Rothiemurchus Estate, try your hand at clay pigeon shooting, venturing out with the estate's rangers on a Highland safari.

DURATION: 2 nights PRICE: $3,610 per person, double occupancy

GRAND TOURS

Combine the scenic Western and traditional Highland itineraries for a 5-night Grand West Highland tour.

DURATION: 5 nights PRICE: $7,970 per person, double occupancy

Combine the favorite Classic and scenic Western itineraries for a 7-night Grand North Western tour.

DURATION: 7 nights PRICE: $10,680 per person, double occupancy

COUNTRY HOMES & GARDENS OF SCOTLAND

Special departure June 5–9, 2009. This intimate journey includes visits to some of Scotland's finest private country homes and gardens in the company of respected British gardening writer Sue Chivers and photographer Patsy Floyd. Meet the Clan Chief at Foulis Castle and tour the 30,000-acre estate at Attadale in the company of the head gardener — all while travelling in style aboard The Royal Scotsman.

DURATION: 4 nights PRICE: $7,210 per person, double occupancy

The Royal Scotsman is one of the luxury products of Orient-Express Hotels, Trains & Cruises.

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Tailor Made Britain

Ideas for Independent Itineraries

The old Roman baths in Bath

A piper plays his welcoming tune at Glamis Castle

ENGLAND

London • The Cotswolds • Bath • London

DAYS 1–3: Spend your three nights in London at Brown's Hotel. A full-day tour of London takes you to the Tower of London, where the Beefeaters guard the dazzling Crown Jewels, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Palace of Westminster. Enjoy a ride on the London Eye for stunning city views and continue to Trafalgar Square, Downing Street, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and pass Buckingham Palace. The next day, learn the art of serving a traditional English tea when you tour an 1860s Victorian house.

DAYS 4–5: Leave London for Windsor Castle, the Queen's favorite residence. View Eton College from the castle ramparts and then wander through the boutiques in the old town. Continue to Oxford for a private tour of Christchurch College, the location for many scenes from the *Harry Potter* films. Then drive into the Cotswolds to Lower Slaughter Manor, your base for the next two nights. Explore Stratford, William Shakespeare's birthplace, and see his final resting place, Holy Trinity Church. Head toward Warwick Castle and observe an exhibition of Edwardian life created in wax by representatives of Madame Tussaud's.

DAYS 6–7: Spend the day in the Cotswold hills, stopping at romantic Sudeley Castle. Visit the little town of Tetbury. Later drive past Highgrove, the private residence of the Prince of Wales, before arriving at your hotel in Bath, The Royal Crescent. This lovely Georgian city began as a Roman camp in the first century AD and emerged into a spa resort town in the 1700s.

DAYS 8–9: Head to prehistoric Stonehenge on the Salisbury Plain and continue to the 13th-century cathedral in Salisbury. At the Chapter House you can view the best-preserved of the four surviving original copies of the Magna Carta. Return to London for a two-night stay at Brown's Hotel. Explore the Bloomsbury area, home to the British Museum, and go to the South Bank of the Thames to see the Tate Modern Gallery and Sam Wanamaker's reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe Theater.

DAY 10: Transfer by private car to the airport.

SCOTLAND

Edinburgh • Inverness • Fort William • Oban • Auchterarder

DAYS 1–2: Your base is Edinburgh's landmark hotel The Balmoral. Attend a private Scotch tasting at the Scotch Malt Whisky Society, join a private ghost tour of the Vaults and visit Edinburgh Castle. Stop for coffee at Elephant House, where J. K. Rowling began writing the first *Harry Potter* novel. See Holyrood Palace and the Mansfield Traquair Centre, then visit the former Royal Yacht 'Britannia' or Rosslyn Chapel, featured in *The Da Vinci Code.*

DAY 3: Head into the Highlands to Glamis Castle, where a piper welcomes you for a private tour of the staterooms. Stop in Inverness and the Edradour Scotch Whisky Distillery. See the Culloden battlefield en route to Culloden House, your country house hotel.

DAY 4: Drive to Loch Ness, home of the fabled monster. Visit romantic Eilean Donan Castle in Loch Duich and drive over the bridge to the Isle of Skye, a center of Gaelic heritage. Perhaps join Lady Claire MacDonald for a highland cooking demonstration. Return by ferry to Mallaig then continue to Fort William, and spend the evening at luxurious Inverlochy Castle.

DAY 5: Explore the shops of Fort William and perhaps take the gondola up Aonach Mor Mountain. Drive into the Glencoe Valley, en route to your hotel, Isle of Eriska, located on a private island.

DAY 6: A series of ferries and roads takes you to Iona, the cradle of Christianity in Scotland. Visit the Abbey Church and burial ground of the ancient Scottish kings. Then return to Oban.

DAYS 7–9: At Inverary, visit the fairytale-style castle that is home to the Duke of Argyll and continue to Crieff for a personal horticultural tour at Drummond Castle. Gleneagles Hotel is your home for these three nights. The next day explore Stirling Castle; Rob Roy's country, the mountainous Trossachs and stop at the Glenturret Distillery, makers of Famous Grouse whisky. In Helensburgh privately tour Hill House, designed by architect Charles Rennie MacKintosh. Then, you may either visit Mount Stuart House on the Isle of Bute or board a seaplane for a bird's-eye view of the Trossachs National Park.

DAY 10: Transfer privately to the airport.

Hotel Portfolio:
Britain & Ireland

THE GLENEAGLES HOTEL
Perthshire, Scotland

Set on its own magnificent 850-acre estate, Gleneagles 5-Red Star resort is an hour's drive from both Glasgow and Edinburgh and focuses on style, elegance and comfort. It offers three championship golf courses and a host of outdoor activities including riding, fishing, off-road driving, falconry, shooting and archery. For further relaxation visit the exquisite destination spa with all the latest therapeutic treatments. Gleneagles has an international reputation for excellent cuisine and fine dining. Each of the restaurants has its own style, including the Michelin-starred Andrew Fairlie. All of the restaurants use the finest fresh produce available locally in Perthshire and Scotland, as well as from specialist suppliers around the world, to prepare their culinary creations.

BROWN'S HOTEL
London, England

The Rocco Forte Collection's Brown's Hotel opened in December 2005 following a multi-million pound refurbishment. Situated in the heart of Mayfair near the exclusive boutiques of Bond Street, Brown's offers impeccable service in simple and luxurious surroundings. The Albermarle offers an outstanding menu of great British classics, and the Donovan Bar's atmosphere is enriched by live jazz. Savor afternoon tea in the lounge and pamper yourself at the spa at Brown's.

THE LANGHAM
London, England

The Langham London has been delighting guests since opening as Europe's first grand hotel in 1865. After an extensive transformation, the hotel exudes graceful and timeless elegance. Located minutes from the delightful shops of Regent Street, the 382-room hotel includes The Langham Club, the incomparable Infinity Suite and a health and fitness club with an extensive gym, pool, solarium and sauna. Designed by David Collins, The Landau serves modern European cuisine, and the chic bar Artesian specializes in rum with an extensive menu of cocktails and champagne.

BOVEY CASTLE
Devon, England

Bovey Castle is the 420-acre, luxury five-star hotel and sporting estate in Dartmoor National Park. It offers beautifully restored Edwardian gardens, a PGA championship golf course, the wonderful Elemis Castle Spa and more than 70 activities that include shooting, fly-fishing and horse riding. Luxurious bedrooms within the castle and 22 stunning three-bedroom granite lodges present an exceptional choice of accommodation.

ADARE MANOR
Adare, Ireland

One of Ireland's five-star castle hotels, Adare Manor is set on a magnificent 840-acre estate in the heart of the picturesque village of Adare, County Limerick. Just a 40-minute transfer from Shannon International Airport, the resort features an 18-hole championship golf course that is home to the Irish Open Golf Championship 2009, Elemis Treatment rooms, fishing on the River Maigue with a *ghillie,* laser clay target shooting and archery.

TAURANT

France

Paris, the "City of Light." Colmar, "Little Venice." Toulouse, "La Ville Rose." Every place in France seems to possess its own unmistakable essence, a character as distinct as a portrait or a fine wine.

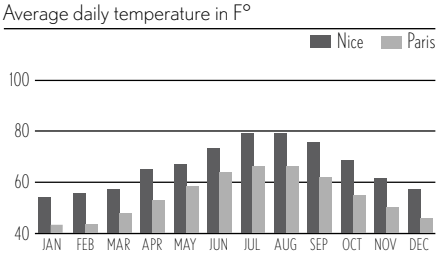
A journey to France takes you through a plethora of landscapes. See châteaux and sleepy vineyards, lavender fields and olive groves whose scents waft against rolling hills, World War II battlefields, medieval walled towns and Gallo-Roman ruins. Visit centuries-old wine estates and sample delicacies reflecting the influences around them.

France is Parisian elegance, Provençal sunshine, Mediterranean charm and Alsacian hospitality. It is world-class restaurants and laid-back cafés, designer boutiques and village pottery shops, five-star cuisine and *baguette et fromage.*

Regardless of the locale, France forever reveals its *joie de vivre.*

FRANCE

Average daily temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Nice	5	5	7	7	5	4	1	2	4	7	7	6
Paris	17	14	12	9	12	12	12	13	13	13	15	16

TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Highlights of Paris & Normandy

DISCOVERY SERIES

9 Days | Departs Sunday, returns Monday | Limited to 24 passengers

The stunning gardens and palace of Versailles

& Explore the lavish palace of Versailles • Visit Monet's house in Giverny and wander through the gardens that inspired many of his famous works • Travel first class aboard the TGV high-speed train between Paris and the Loire Valley • Relive World War II history when you visit the D-Day landing beaches and the American Cemetery

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Paris, France

Depart on an overnight flight to Paris where, on arrival, you transfer to your centrally located hotel near the Place de l'Opera. The rest of the day is at leisure before meeting fellow travellers for dinner this evening. *Hotel Scribe Paris D*

DAY 3: Paris/Versailles/Paris

Start your exploration with a tour of the "City of Light" including the Champs-Elysées, the Eiffel Tower, the Place de la Concorde and the Place Vendôme. Continue to the opulent palace of Versailles, a former hunting lodge built by Louis XIII and lavishly refurbished by his successor, the "Sun King" Louis XIV. Explore the State Apartments and view the glistening Galerie des Glaces (Hall of Mirrors), which features 17 mirror-clad arches fixed upon marble pilasters that depict the symbols of France, each containing 21 mirrors. Then tour the elaborate gardens that are adorned with beautiful fountains. Return to Paris for an evening at leisure. *Hotel Scribe Paris B L*

DAY 4: Paris

This morning head to the Louvre for a visit to its outstanding collection of art. Formerly a royal residence, the Louvre now hosts many of the world's most famous and distinguished art treasures dating from antiquity to the 19th century. As you wander through the halls and exhibits, pause at some of the most famous works: the *Venus de Milo*, Ghirlandaio's *The Visitation* and Leonardo da Vinci's celebrated *Mona Lisa*. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure, and because the Louvre is located near so many exquisite boutiques, literary haunts and charming cafés, you have no shortage of choices. This evening dine à la carte in one of a carefully selected choice of restaurants. *Hotel Scribe Paris B D*

DAY 5: Paris/Castles of the Loire Valley/Paris

Board a high-speed TGV train to Tours and visit the fairytale castle of Chenonceau. Once owned by Catherine de Medici, the striking Renaissance château has beautiful arches that form the Pont de Diane over the River Cher. Due to the kindness and generosity

of former owner Madame Dupin, the château was saved from destruction during the French Revolution. Chenonceau is known as the Château des Dames for all of the women who left their mark on the property. As you continue along the banks of the Loire River, view the great castle of Blois, scene of intrigue and treachery in the 16th century, and Royal Amboise Castle. Return to Paris and your hotel, where the evening is at leisure. *Hotel Scribe Paris B*

DAY 6: Paris/Giverny/Port-en-Bessin

Depart Paris for Normandy, stopping en route in Giverny. In 1883, the painter Monet was riding on a train in France and looked out of the window to see the town of Giverny for the first time. He was so impressed that he rented a house in the quaint village. Visit Monet's house that was featured prominently in many of his paintings. The house has been restored to its former glory, but the true highlight of your visit is the beautiful gardens that inspired his famous *Water Lilies* series. After lunch, continue to Port-en-Bessin and your château hotel, where dinner this evening is à la carte.
Château la Chenevière B L D

DAY 7: Port-en-Bessin/Normandy Landing Beaches/ Port-en-Bessin

Travel through the high-hedged fields and beech tree windbreaks known as the *bocage* countryside to Arromanches-les-Bains and relive a piece of World War II history. It was in this area of Normandy where Allied forces landed to begin their effort to liberate mainland Europe from Nazi occupation. See the remains of the floating Mulberry Harbor and visit the American sector of the D-Day invasion: Omaha Beach, Pointe du Hoc and the American Cemetery at St. Laurent, all poignant reminders of this heroic moment in history. This evening gather for a farewell dinner.
Château la Chenevière B L D

DAY 8: Port-en-Bessin/Bayeux/Rouen/Paris

The world-famous Bayeux Tapestry depicts the conquest of England in 1066 by William of Normandy. Officially a Norman document, it contains hundreds of images divided into scenes that are then joined into a linear sequence; the viewer can actually "read" the story by looking at the images. Continue to Rouen and visit the Cathedral of Notre Dame, featured in a series of paintings by Claude Monet and the location where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. Continue to Paris and your elegant hotel for farewell cocktails. *Hotel Scribe Paris B*

DAY 9: Paris/USA or Canada

Board your homebound flight or extend your trip with **Highlights of Burgundy, Provence & the Riviera.** *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Extend your stay and continue with **Highlights of Burgundy, Provence & the Riviera** on pages 38–39.

Consider a barge cruise prior to this program. See A&K's 2009 **Canal & River Cruising in Europe** brochure for details.

The coast in Normandy

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land arrangements	**May - Jun; Sep - Oct**	**Aug**
Double occupancy	$ 9,480	$ 9,995
Single supplement	$ 3,125	$ 3,615

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DEPARTURE DATES							
2009	May 24	- Jun 01	Aug 30	- Sep 07	Oct 11	- 19†
	Jun 28	- Jul 06	Sep 06	- 14		

† Journey for Women; itinerary and price will vary, refer to page 146.

Highlights of Burgundy, Provence & the Riviera

DISCOVERY SERIES

9 Days | Departs Sunday, returns Monday | Limited to 24 passengers

Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

& Sample some of the wines Burgundy is famous for at a local winery • Sit down to a rustic lunch on a Provençal farm that has been in the same family for generations • Privately visit a local artist's studio in Nice and join the artist for lunch • Travel first class on the TGV high-speed train between Paris and Dijon, and Dijon and Avignon

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Paris, France
Board an overnight flight to Paris and transfer to your centrally located hotel near the Place de l'Opera. The rest of the day is at leisure before meeting fellow travellers for dinner this evening. *Hotel Scribe Paris D*

DAY 3: Paris/Dijon
Explore the highlights of the "City of Light" when you see the Champs-Elysées, the Eiffel Tower, the Place de la Concorde and the Place Vendôme. Later, board a high-speed TGV train to Dijon, the former home of the all-powerful dukes of Burgundy. See the historic buildings in the old town and admire the breathtaking original stained glass windows of the Church of Notre Dame. *Sofitel Dijon La Cloche B L D*

DAY 4: Dijon/Beaune/Dijon
Drive along the famous Route des Grands Crus (Wine Road) to Beaune, a city known for its wine production but more importantly as the capital of French gastronomy. Stop to visit the 15th-century hospice Hôtel-Dieu. This "palace of the poor" is a marvel of Burgundian and Flemish art with a gloriously colored tile roof. The Grande Salle (or Chambre des Pauvres) was both a hospital and a church, enabling the sick to attend religious services. Explore its restored rooms, kitchen, pharmacy and gallery of Renaissance religious art. Later, stop at a winery for a wine tasting before returning to Dijon. *Sofitel Dijon La Cloche B L*

DAY 5: Dijon/Avignon
Travel south to the Provence region by TGV high-speed train, with a light lunch on arrival in Avignon. Visit the imposing 14th-century Palace of the Popes, a reminder of the days of religious conflict when Avignon vied with Rome for papal authority. *Hotel Le Prieuré B L D*

DAY 6: Avignon/St-Remy-de-Provence/Arles/Avignon
Experience the magic of Van Gogh's countryside, with its verdant fields that the artist feverishly painted by day and night when he would don a straw hat with candles attached to illuminate his

canvases. Visit St-Paul-de-Mausole, the asylum where Van Gogh was voluntarily interned for a year. It remains a hospital today and is known as the Clinique Van Gogh after its most famous patient. Stop for lunch at a typical Provençal farmhouse (uniquely carved out of the surrounding rock) that has been in the same family for generations. With lavender fields as the backdrop to this rustic setting, enjoy a fresh meal with homegrown produce and olive oil. Continue to the hilltop town of Les Baux en route to Arles, the principal Roman town in Provence and its spiritual capital. Set out on a walking tour to discover its stunning Roman remains, including the magnificent amphitheater and the fine Romanesque Cathedral from which Augustine left to evangelize England. You may recognize it from some of Van Gogh's most famous works that were painted during his time here. Stroll to the Place du Forum, the setting for his renowned *Café at Night. Hotel Le Prieuré B L*

DAY 7: Avignon/Aix-en-Provence/Nice

Drive through glorious Provençal countryside to the historic town of Aix-en-Provence. This hometown of the painter Paul Cézanne is considered by many to be the most graceful town in Provence. Stroll through its picturesque streets to admire the fountains, cathedral, colorful market, designer shops and bustling cafés. Continue to the fashionable Côte d'Azur and your hotel located on the famous Promenade des Anglais in Nice. *Le Méridien Nice B D*

DAY 8: Nice/St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat/Monaco/Nice

Explore the historic atmosphere of Nice's old town and colorful market, followed by a private visit to a local artist's studio and a lunch of local Niçoise specialties. Depart Nice on the famous Corniche Road for a drive along the coast that is nothing short of breathtaking. Dramatic cliffs cradling magnificent villas face the blue waters of the Mediterranean. See spots of red, purple, blue and yellow flowers in window boxes that thrive in this perfect climate. Head toward St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat for a visit to the elegant Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild with its outstanding collection of *objets d'art* and lovely gardens overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Continue to Monaco, set like a diamond amid a hillside of craggy rock. This glamorous playground of the wealthy is also where you see the extravagant Palais Princier, residence of the royal family, and visit the magnificent 19th-century cathedral. There is also a chance to stop at the famous casino in Monte Carlo, the inspiration for Ian Fleming's *Casino Royale,* before heading back to Nice for farewell drinks. *Le Méridien Nice B L*

DAY 9: Nice/USA or Canada

Transfer to Nice airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

This program can be taken in conjunction with **Highlights of Paris & Normandy** on pages 36–37 or consider extending your stay in Paris (see page 132 for details).

Hôtel-Dieu with its Burgundian tiled roof

PRICE PER PERSON	
Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	$ 8,785
Single supplement	$ 2,615

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DEPARTURE DATES							
2009	May 31	-	Jun 08	Sep 13	-	21	Oct 18 - 26†
	Sep 06	-	14				

† Journey for Women; itinerary and price will vary, refer to page 146.

Signature France

An Independent Itinerary

10 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Saturday

DAYS 1–2: Depart USA or Canada/Paris, France

Board an overnight flight to Paris where you are met by your Guardian Angel and privately transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *Le Meurice / Hotel Daniel B*

DAYS 3–4: Paris/Versailles/Paris

Explore famous Parisian landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysées and the Ile de la Cité, where Notre Dame Cathedral and Sainte Chapelle are located. Then explore the amazing collections in the Louvre Museum, once a royal palace for King Francis I. Seek out its iconic treasures, including *Mona Lisa* and *Venus de Milo*, or wander the numerous galleries in search of your own favorite masterpiece. Outside, observe the large glass and steel pyramid, designed by American architect I. M. Pei as an elegant counterpoint to the palace's French Renaissance façade. The next morning join a restaurant critic and food expert who directs you to some of the best food suppliers in Paris. Glimpse the life of a dedicated *chocolatier* or tour a cheese cellar beneath one of the city's true *fromageries.* This afternoon, travel to Versailles to admire the luxe palace of Louis XIV and visit the State Apartments and beautiful gardens. *Le Meurice / Hotel Daniel B*

DAYS 5–6: Paris/Dijon/Saulieu

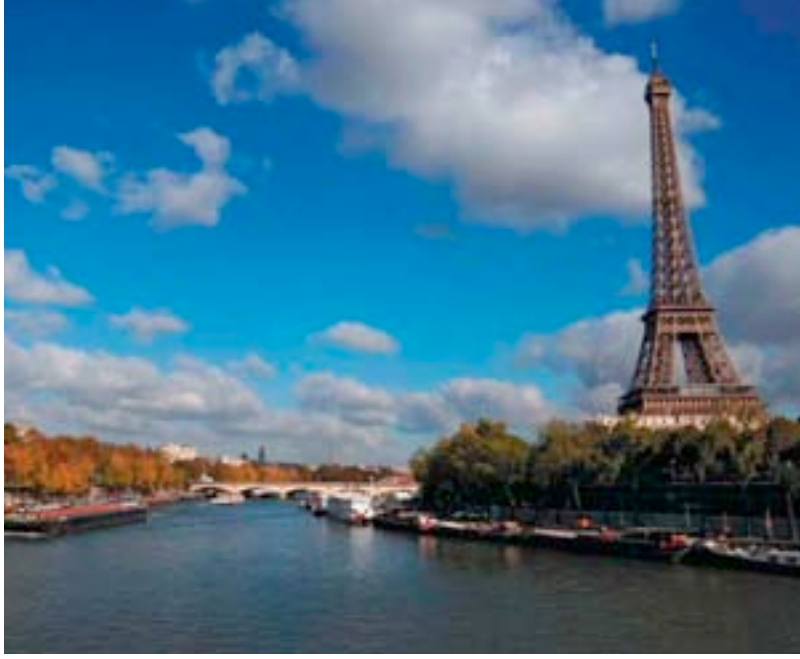
Your Guardian Angel escorts you to the Paris railway station where you begin your Concierge Rail journey. Arrive in Dijon and embark on a walking tour of the Old Town. Observe the half-timbered houses and visit the Palais des Ducs, which houses the Fine Arts Museum. Your home for the next two nights is Le Relais Bernard Loiseau in Saulieu. The next day, explore the Burgundy wine country and stop at Clos de Vougeot, known for its winemaking barn. Visit Beaune, the wine capital, with its famous 15th-century hospice. Its multi-colored tiled roof has become an icon of the Burgundy region. Then join a countess who makes her own wines for a private afternoon tea (visit is subject to her availability). *Le Relais Bernard Loiseau B*

DAYS 7–9: Saulieu/Dijon/Avignon

Return to the Dijon railway station with your Guardian Angel for the next portion of your journey — to Avignon. Dominated by its Papal Palace, Avignon is a vibrant Provençal town on the banks of the Rhône River, and today you discover its glories with a walking tour that includes a visit to the great palace where the Popes reigned supreme during their schism with Rome. The next day, join your driver-guide for a full day of exploration. Visit the Roman antiquities in St-Remy-de-Provence followed by an olive oil tasting at a mill. Afterward, stop at the ruined medieval citadel of Les Baux and the astounding nearby Cathedral of Images carved out of the rock. The day finishes with a visit to the impressive Roman aqueduct of the Pont du Gard, built as part of a complex irrigation system. *La Mirande B*

DAY 10: Avignon/ Marseille/USA or Canada

Transfer to Marseille airport to board your homebound flight. *B*



The Eiffel Tower as seen from the River Seine

PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	GOLD	SILVER
Low season: April 02 - 23, Jul 23 - Aug 20 (GOLD/SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 13,255	$ 11,820
Single supplement	$ 4,530	$ 2,795
High season: Apr 30 - Jun 11, Aug 27 - Oct 29 (GOLD/SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 13,825	$ 11,995
Single supplement	$ 5,050	$ 2,930

Solo traveller price is available upon request.
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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Apr 02 - 11	Jun 04 - 13	Sep 10 - 19
	Apr 09 - 18	Jun 11 - 20	Sep 17 - 26
	Apr 16 - 25	Jul 23 - Aug 01	Sep 24 - Oct 03
	Apr 23 - May 02	Jul 30 - Aug 08	Oct 01 - 10
	Apr 30 - May 09	Aug 06 - 15	Oct 08 - 17
	May 07 - 16	Aug 13 - 22	Oct 15 - 24
	May 14 - 23	Aug 20 - 29	Oct 22 - 31
	May 21 - 30	Aug 27 - Sep 05	Oct 29 - Nov 07
	May 28 - Jun 06	Sep 03 - 12	

Tailor Made France

Ideas for Independent Itineraries

The impressive walled city of Carcassonne

SOUTHWESTERN FRANCE

Bordeaux • Dordogne • Carcassonne

DAYS 1–3: Arrive in Bordeaux and transfer to the luxurious Château Grand Barrail in the wine-growing region of St. Emilion for three days of exploration in Bordeaux and the Médoc. Stroll through medieval streets lined with wine shops; visit the Eglise Monolithe, one of France's largest underground churches; and see the 13th-century ramparts that encircle the village. Visit local vineyards such as Château Pétrus and Cheval Blanc. In the Médoc region, stop at several of the most prestigious wine châteaux in the world, perhaps Mouton-Rothschild or Château Lanessan.

DAYS 4–6: Travel via Bergerac, a lively town with ancient half-timbered houses, to the village of Trémolat to spend three nights at Le Vieux Logis, an exclusive property tucked away in the gorgeous Dordogne region. Spend your days exploring the scenic Vezere Valley; the Lascaux II exhibition center, which has recreated the prehistoric wall paintings from the famous Grottes de Lascaux; La Roque Saint Christophe, a troglodyte fort and dwelling and Les Eyzies, the site where many signs of prehistoric man have been discovered. Continue through the Dordogne region to Château des Milandes in the historic village of La Roque-Gageac and wander through the small town of Sarlat le Canéda.

DAYS 7–8: Pass the weathered red-brick buildings of Toulouse, known as "La Ville Rose," en route to Europe's largest fortified citadel. As you approach the city of Carcassonne, the imposing silhouette of the nearly impregnable fortification comes to view with its double row of protective walls, accentuated by 56 watchtowers. It was designed to allow the inhabitants to survive long sieges while fooling the enemy, and one of its famous towers could store and preserve 1,000 salted pigs and 100 beef cattle to feed the soldiers during attacks. Stay at the luxurious Hôtel de la Cité, set in its own glorious gardens. Visit the Basilique St-Nazaire, with its lovely stained glass, and the 12th-century Château Comtal, the last inner bastion of the city.

DAY 9: Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Bottles of Champagne in the cellars of Moët et Chandon

NORTHEASTERN FRANCE

Champagne • Alsace • Paris

DAYS 1–3: Arrive in Paris and transfer to the Royal Champagne Hotel, your base for three nights. Journey to Reims for a tour of the 17th-century Palais du Tau, the former archbishop's palace that houses an impressive museum collection of tapestries, sculptures and artifacts. Visit the Gothic Cathedral of Our Lady, the site of the coronations of French kings. In Epernay, privately visit the extensive Moët et Chandon cellars and observe a demonstration of the various stages of making champagne. Then visit Oeuilly's Le Musée Campenois to see a 1930s-era classroom. If time permits, travel to Hautvillers on the slopes of the Montagne de Reims, where Dom Pérignon first blended various wines to produce a vintage.

DAYS 4–5: Board the train to Strasbourg and transfer to your hotel, Château d'Isenbourg, for two nights. Visit Colmar, the home of Bartholdi, the creator of the Statue of Liberty. Colmar is affectionately known as "La Petite Venise" because of its many canals lined with half-timbered houses. You have time to explore Strasbourg on your own in addition to a morning of organized sightseeing that shows you the Gothic Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Rohan Palace.

DAYS 6–9: After a morning tour, return to Strasbourg's railway station for your first class journey to Paris and the legendary hotel Le Meurice. Sightseeing focuses on the Impressionist painters. At Musée Marmottan, view 60 paintings owned or painted by Claude Monet, including works by his friends Renoir, Sisley and Pissarro. Then wander through the Musée de l'Orangerie, housing Monet's *Water Lilies* paintings. Later, join Art Gallery Club Director Olivier Dyan and contemporary figurative French artists, for a visit and some champagne. The next day, go on an exclusive visit to the original engine room of the Eiffel Tower. Then explore the unsurpassed Louvre Museum. On your final day, join a restaurant critic and food critic for a tour and visit with a baker or *chocolatier*.

DAY 10: Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

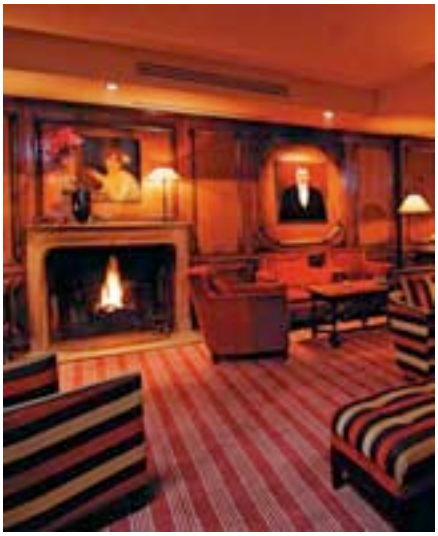
Hotel Portfolio:
France & Monaco

HOTEL SCRIBE PARIS
Paris, France

Ideally located between the lavish Opera Garnier and the renowned Place Vendôme, the Hotel Scribe rests in the heart of Paris. Totally refurbished in 2007 by the accomplished interior designer Jacques Grange, the hotel's new décor embodies the spirit of luxury and Parisian elegance in its prestigious rooms and suites. Enjoy the Cafe Lumière beneath a magnificent glass roof, the Maison de Thé with its splendid library and the day spa's Lancôme Beauty Institute.

HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE
Paris, France

The Plaza Athénée is ideally located in the golden triangle between the Champs Elysées and the Eiffel Tower. With refined Parisian décor, the Plaza Athénée features 191 guest rooms and suites, offering excellent city or courtyard views. Fine food is offered in five different venues supervised by the internationally celebrated chef Alain Ducasse.



RELAIS CHRISTINE
Paris, France

The Relais Christine, built on the foundations of a 13th-century abbey, is a peaceful haven on the Left Bank. Relax in a cozy world adorned with fine antiques. The 51 guest rooms and suites, all individually decorated, are stylish and comfortable, some featuring a private terrace. Unwind after a day of sightseeing in the restful garden or in the hotel's spa.

PAVILLON DE LA REINE
Paris, France

In the trendy Marais district, hidden behind the arcades of the romantic Place des Vosges stands the Pavillon de la Reine. It offers the calm and discretion of a private country house with unparalleled service. The honesty bar and fireplace make you feel at home in this amazing property where each of the 54 rooms, all different in style and spirit, is an elegant and cozy retreat.

LES SOURCES DE CAUDALIE
Bordeaux – Martillac, France

Les Sources de Caudalie, located on the ancient estate of Château Smith Haut Lafitte, offers rooms individually decorated in a refined, simple style and houses two outstanding restaurants: the Table du Lavoir and La Grand'Vigne. This luxurious hotel also offers the world's first vinotherapy spa.

LE JARDIN DES SENS
Montpellier, France

Le Jardin des Sens, Relais & Châteaux, is a contemporary, harmonious and refined hotel, boasting outstanding architecture by Bruno Borrione. Its pure and simple lines present a warm and comfortable ambience. The rooms and suites offer an elegant and unique setting, while a bathing area overlooks the garden outside.

CHÂTEAU DE BAGNOLS
Bagnols, France

Château de Bagnols is a unique luxury hotel with 21 superb rooms and suites. Dating from the 13th century, it features impressive towers, the original dry moat and a dramatic entrance across a drawbridge. The Michelin-starred Salle des Gardes restaurant offers a wide selection of regional specialties as well as an impressive array of local wines.

LE MEURICE
Paris, France

Located opposite the Tuileries Gardens, between Place de la Concorde and the Musée du Louvre, Le Meurice has held sway as a French luxury hotel since 1835. Reflecting its uninterrupted attachment to the French art of living, Le Meurice blends the refined splendors of 18th-century architecture with the latest in contemporary comfort and elegance. Sample creations by renowned chef Yannick Alléno in the gourmet restaurant Le Meurice, where he prepares traditional dishes infused with a daring touch of gastronomic whimsy.

HOTEL BALZAC
Paris, France

Steps away from the Champs-Elysées, this 19th-century elegant private mansion underwent an extensive refurbishment program that established it as one of the most exceptional landmarks in Paris. Neoclassical and romantic in décor and adorned with vibrant and warm colors, Hotel Balzac combines ultimate comfort and personalized service with state-of-the-art technology, delivering the spirit of French *l'art de vivre.*

SOFITEL PARIS LE FAUBOURG
Paris, France

Located a few steps from Avenue Champs Elysées at the corner of the exclusive shopping street Faubourg Saint-Honoré, the hotel evokes an elegant yet intimate spirit. An authentic Parisian ambience flows through its guest rooms and suites, in the intimate Café Faubourg restaurant and its inner garden terrace and in the stylish Bar 30. The hotel also has a cozy library and a superb new fitness center.

THE REGENT GRAND HOTEL BORDEAUX
Bordeaux, France

Located in the finest shopping and pedestrian area of the city, The Regent Grand Hotel Bordeaux's recent renovations have restored its colorful historic elegance. The 150 guest rooms including 22 suites have been completely rebuilt and decorated by renowned designer Jacques Garcia. The hotel houses the casual Brasserie l'Europe, the gastronomic Le Pressoir d'Argent, the winter garden L'Orangerie, the classy Victor Bar, as well as its own "Fashion Avenue" of designer boutiques and state-of-the-art Spa Les Bains de Lea.

CHÂTEAU LA CHENEVIÈRE
Normandy, France

Set close to Omaha Beach and the historic town of Bayeux, Port-en-Bessin conceals a treasure that lies at the end of a long drive: impeccable lawns, ancient trees and a charmingly old fashioned rose garden. The manor is a dignified Norman edifice from the 18th century that combines the charms of an old house with the conveniences of a cozy English manor in its opulent interior and spacious, elegant bedrooms. The dining room, overlooking the park, has a certain intimate grandeur. Experience faultless service, a heated outdoor pool and a splendid terrace.

HOTEL LE SAINT PAUL
Saint-Paul-de-Vence, France

Located in the heart of the medieval village and within the walls of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, the first stone of Hotel Le Saint Paul was laid in 1511. The 3 guest rooms and 13 junior suites and suites retain the discreet charm of a 16th-century manor house, and in 2007 the property was fully redecorated in Provençal modern style. In the summer, the Michelin-starred restaurant offers refreshing dishes with decidedly Mediterranean flavors, served on the flower-decked terrace and sheltered by the ramparts of Saint Paul.

CHÂTEAU SAINT-MARTIN & SPA
Vence, France

The beautiful estate of Château Saint-Martin & Spa is dramatically located in the ancient hilltop town of Vence between Cannes and Nice. The junior suites and villas offer stunning views. With two new restaurants, La Rôtisserie and the gourmet venue Le Saint-Martin; a relaxing spa; 32 acres of gardens with century-old olive trees; an overflow heated swimming pool; two clay tennis courts and a helicopter pad, Château Saint-Martin & Spa is the perfect place for a truly exceptional experience.

HOTEL METROPOLE
Monte Carlo, Monaco

An exclusive urban destination spa in the heart of the vibrantly chic Monte Carlo and just a few steps from the Casino Square, the hotel is home to two Joël Robuchon Monte Carlo restaurants. The Metropole ESPA is a sophisticated space dedicated to the guest's total well being and maintains exceptional levels of service and attention to details. The 141 luxurious rooms and suites have timeless furnishings and contemporary amenities. Hotel Metropole Monte Carlo is a symbol of palatial luxury in tune with the times.

Italy

Whatever your pleasure, you can find it in Italy. From cosmopolitan Rome with its glittering nightlife to the lush, vineyard-clad hills of Tuscany and the dramatic cliffside villages on the Amalfi Coast, Italy welcomes you with open arms.

Italy's artistic masterpieces are not confined to the painter's pigments or the sculptor's marble. The visionaries of the Renaissance used the land itself as their canvas, crafting gardens with breathtaking vistas and hillside villas that remain tranquil and inspiring today.

Even Italy's culinary creations, so distinct and diverse, have become beloved the world over. Whether you're dining in a neighborhood *trattoria, al fresco* on the terrace of a villa hotel or in a five-star restaurant, your meal is certain to be a culinary work of art.

ITALY

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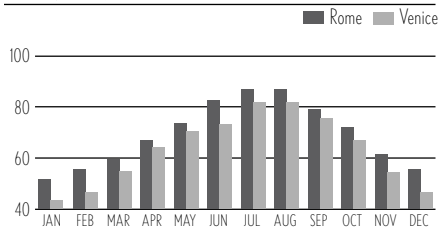

Average days with rainfall

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	8	9	8	6	5	4	1	2	5	9	11	10
	6	6	7	9	8	8	7	7	5	7	9	8

TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Highlights of Italy

DISCOVERY SERIES

9 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Sunday | Limited to 24 passengers

The distinctive terra cotta roofs of Florence

& Explore the Etruscan hill town of Orvieto • Cruise the canals of Venice in a romantic gondola • For ultimate comfort, travel by first class rail between Venice and Florence • View masterpieces of Renaissance painting and sculpture on a guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery • Don personal headphones for perfect communication with your guide in museums

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Venice, Italy

Depart on an overnight flight to Venice. Arrive at your prestigious hotel by private launch and spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening meet your fellow travellers at a welcome dinner at the hotel.
Hotel Bauer D

DAY 3: Venice

Stroll through this unique city with your specialist local guide and admire the architecture along the winding canals. The Doge's Palace was the seat of the main government departments and the residence of the Doge who ruled the Venetian Republic. Lavish frescoes, graceful staircases and gilded stucco work testify to the glory and opulence of this period. One of the finest examples of Byzantine architecture in Venice is St. Mark's Basilica, once the Doge's chapel. Wander through vibrant St. Mark's Square, lined with cafés and perfect for people watching; Napoleon considered it to be the "world's greatest drawing room." This evening, after a romantic gondola ride, dine à la carte at a traditional *trattoria. Hotel Bauer B D*

DAY 4: Venice/Florence

Transfer by private launch to join the train to Florence. On arrival, your specialist local guide escorts you on a tour of this glorious city, with its russet-colored roofs, domed basilica and bustling *piazzas.* Florence is a paradise for art lovers who find no shortage of museums and galleries housing centuries' worth of treasures. See the Duomo (Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore), the famous landmark of Florence. The Duomo was the largest cathedral in Europe when it was built (13th-15th centuries) and could accommodate 30,000 worshippers. Visit the Galleria dell'Accademia to view Michelangelo's famous *David.* This evening dine à la carte at one of a carefully selected choice of restaurants.
Helvetia & Bristol B L D

DAY 5: Florence

Today is at leisure to explore more of the many attractions in Florence. Perhaps visit San Lorenzo church and chapels, once the Medici family's parish church, where most of the family is buried.

Don't miss the famous Ponte Vecchio, the covered shop-lined bridge. Alternatively, enjoy a wine tasting in Florence, followed by a guided visit to the Uffizi Gallery to admire its famous masterpieces by artists that include Giotto, Botticelli and da Vinci.
Helvetia & Bristol B

DAY 6: Florence/Orvieto/Rome

Depart Florence and head south through the Tuscan countryside into Umbria. Stop in the medieval hill town of Orvieto, rising above the nearly vertical faces of tuff cliffs. When Rome was just a small village in a marsh, Orvieto was already flourishing as an Etruscan city. The Romans saw it as a threat and leveled the city but kept a port on the Tiber so that they could continue to ship home a supply of the famous wine (Orvieto Classico) produced here. After lunch at a local restaurant, join your guide for a tour of this ancient city. Wander through the magnificent Piazza del Duomo to the majestic Gothic cathedral that houses Luca Signorelli's masterpiece fresco *Cycle of the Apocalypse.* Later, continue to Rome where you dine à la carte at a local restaurant. *St. Regis Grand Hotel B L D*

DAY 7: Rome and Vatican City

The "Eternal City" of Rome is one of living history, from the ancient ruins of the empire to the opulence of the Vatican and the little *gelato* stands that offer their savory treats. Begin your visit to Vatican City at St. Peter's Square. The global capital of Catholicism and Europe's only state to be governed by an absolute monarch (the Pope), the Vatican is also the world's smallest sovereign state. Explore the magnificent Vatican Museum, including the Sistine Chapel with its famous frescoed ceiling by Michelangelo. After lunch, the afternoon is at leisure. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel. *St. Regis Grand Hotel B L D*

DAY 8: Rome

Start this morning with an introduction to ancient Rome. Visit the Colosseum, the most famous monument of ancient Rome. Imagine how it must have once bustled with activity. Gladiatorial contests, battle re-enactments and dramatic performances based on classical mythology were all held here. Then tour the Forum, the center for politics, religion and business in ancient Rome. Wander through the ruins of almost 900 years of history and see the triumphal Arch of Constantine. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure before this evening's farewell cocktail reception. *St. Regis Grand Hotel B*

DAY 9: Rome/USA or Canada

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board a homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Upgrade your room to a Palatial Panoramic Double with Grand Canal view at Bauer Il Palazzo from $570 per person per night.

Extend your stay to the Amalfi Coast (see page 133 for details).

A row of gondolas across from the Doge's Palace

PRICE PER PERSON	
Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	$ 8,260
Single supplement	$ 2,485

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DEPARTURE DATES			
2009	May 09 - 17	Jul 11 - 19	Oct 03 - 11
	May 16 - 24	Sep 05 - 13	Oct 10 - 18

Highlights of Sicily

DISCOVERY SERIES

10 Days | Departs Wednesday, returns Friday | Limited to 24 passengers

Snow-topped Mount Etna overlooking a Sicilian village

& Sample Sicilian specialties, including Marsala wine and locally produced olive oil • Sit down to an *al fresco* lunch at a traditional country farmhouse • Attend a private wine tasting and lunch at the baroque Palazzo Beneventano • Visit a pottery studio in Caltagirone and watch the artisans at work • Explore some of the world's best surviving Greek temples

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Palermo, Italy
Board an overnight flight to Palermo where you are met and transferred to your hotel. After an afternoon at leisure, meet your fellow travellers for welcome drinks and dinner.
Grand Hotel Wagner D

DAY 3: Palermo/Monreale/Palermo
Explore bustling Palermo, a city founded by the Phoenicians, named by the ancient Greeks and ruled at times by the Romans, Muslims and Normans. Join your specialist local guide for a visit to the church of Santa Maria dell'Ammiraglio, the Ballaró produce market and the magnificent cathedral. Custodian of the relics of Palermo's great civic and imperial past, the cathedral houses the tombs of Frederick II, Roger II and Constance of Altavilla as well as the silver urn of the city's patron saint, Saint Rosalie. After lunch visit the 12th-century hillside Cathedral of Monreale, lavishly decorated with mosaics. Dine independently this evening.
Grand Hotel Wagner B L

DAY 4: Palermo/Erice/Mazara del Vallo
Stop to see Segesta's fifth-century BC Doric temple built by the Elymians on a hill west of Mount Barbaro. The temple was left roofless, perhaps in a deliberate attempt to allow a view of the sky, the home of the gods. Then walk along the cobbled lanes in the medieval hilltop town of Erice and perhaps sample sweet almond delicacies in Maria Grammatico's pastry shop. In Marsala, learn about making the fortified wine of the same name, then taste different varieties. Dinner is à la carte in your country hotel. *Kempinski Hotel Giardino di Costanza B D*

DAY 5: Mazara del Vallo/Selinunte/Mazara del Vallo
Selinunte, formerly a wealthy trading center, was one of the most important Greek colonies in Sicily and is known for the remains of its five ancient Greek temples. See the reconstructed remains of Temple E, known as the Temple of Hera. Continue to an olive oil-producing estate for lunch, an informative introduction to the process of making extra virgin olive oil and a tasting. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. *Kempinski Hotel Giardino di Costanza B L*

DAY 6: Mazara del Vallo/Agrigento/Leonforte

Because of Sicily's strategic location in the Mediterranean, the early Greeks also left their mark on fifth-century BC Agrigento. Many believe their Valley of the Temples is the best-preserved collection of classical Greek temples in existence today. The five temples rest on a stretch of land south of the city and are worthy of comparison with the Acropolis in Athens. Dine à la carte tonight in your country hotel. *Villa Gussio Nicoletti B L D*

DAY 7: Leonforte/Piazza Armerina/Caltagirone/Leonforte

Imagine a time when ancient Romans hunted game in the area of Piazza Armerina. Travel here and to neighboring Villa Romana del Casale, where they would return with their catch. The villa was thought to have been the hunting lodge of Emperor Maximianus Heraclius. Within its walls is one of Sicily's most prized archaeological treasures: a display of third-century mosaics, including the "Frigidarium," a cold bathroom decorated with colorful tiles. After an *al fresco* lunch at a traditional country farmhouse, travel to Caltagirone for a look at St. Mary of the Mount, a pilgrimage stairway edged in majolica tiles. Then visit a pottery studio and watch its artisans at work. *Villa Gussio Nicoletti B L D*

DAY 8: Leonforte/Syracuse/Taormina

In Syracuse, stroll through Ortygia, the old town area, to see its remarkable fifth-century BC cathedral. Built first as a Greek temple and then consecrated as Siracusa's (Syracuse's) first Christian cathedral, its original Greek columns are still clearly visible. Then attend a private wine tasting and lunch in the Baroque Palazzo Beneventano. Visit the Greek Theater and the extraordinary Paradise Quarry, which once served as a prison for the defeated Athenians. A coastal drive brings you to Taormina, perched atop a cliff and overlooking the Bay of Naxos. Enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel this evening. *Grand Hotel San Pietro B L D*

DAY 9: Taormina

Even in the 19th century, Taormina was considered to be a holiday destination. The wealthy built luxury villas in this beautiful seaside town, blessed with a mild climate, lush vegetation, a sandy isthmus and rich marine life. Discover Taormina's charms for yourself on a walk through the Old Town. Visualize a performance at the city's ancient Greek Theater, with Mount Etna and the bay of Taormina as its backdrop. See the 15th-century Palazzo Corvaja, with its characteristic black lava and white limestone inlays, and visit the Baroque cathedral. There remains plenty to explore this afternoon, when you are free to set out on your own. This evening, gather for farewell drinks. *Grand Hotel San Pietro B*

DAY 10: Taormina/Catania/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

The reconstructed Temple of Hera at Selinunte

PRICE PER PERSON	
Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	$ 8,240
Single supplement	$ 1,890

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DEPARTURE DATES							
2009	May 27	- Jun 05	Jun 24	- Jul 03	Sep 09	- 18
	Jun 10	- 19	Jul 15	- 24	Oct 07	- 16†

† Journey for Women; itinerary and price will vary, refer to page 146.

Splendors of Italy

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

9 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 24 passengers

An aerial view of Bologna

& Ride in a romantic Venetian gondola • Visit Ravenna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with beautiful lagoons and canals • Personal headphones ensure perfect communication with your guide in museums and major sites • View elegant samples of Palladian architecture en route to Bologna • Travel along the picturesque Amalfi Coast

DAY 1: USA or Canada/Venice, Italy
Depart on an overnight flight to Venice.

DAY 2: Venice
On arrival you are met and transferred to your elegant hotel, poised along the Grand Canal. This afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful setting of the hotel or for independent exploration. This evening join fellow travellers for welcome drinks followed by a welcome dinner. *Bauer Il Palazzo D*

DAY 3: Venice
As you wander through the narrow streets that front winding canals, your specialist local guide points out the sights of this astonishingly beautiful city. Gaze at St. Mark's Basilica, a fine example of Byzantine architecture that rests on St. Mark's Square and is adjacent and connected to the Doge's Palace. Go inside to discover the opulent design and gilded mosaics that mark its status as a symbol of Venetian wealth and power. See the Bell Tower and visit the Gothic Doge's Palace, the residence of the Doge of Venice (chief magistrate). After an afternoon at leisure, go on a romantic gondola ride through the canals and later dine à la carte at a traditional local restaurant. *Bauer Il Palazzo B D*

DAY 4: Venice/Bologna
Depart Venice this morning and travel to Bologna following the route of the Brenta Canal, once a main thoroughfare between Venice and Padua. Observe the exquisite villas built by Venetian nobles that line its shores and stop to visit one of these Palladian residences. After lunch in a local restaurant, continue with a walking tour of Bologna. One of Italy's best-preserved historic centers, Bologna has beautiful churches, squares and palaces, including the 14th-century Basilica of San Petronio and the church complex of Santo Stefano. Admire also Bologna's own medieval "leaning towers," the Torre degli Asinelli and Torre Garisenda, which leans an alarming seven and a half feet from the perpendicular. Dinner this evening is à la carte at your hotel.
Grand Hotel Baglioni B L D

DAY 5: Bologna/Ravenna/Bologna

Drive to Ravenna, an area of rolling farmland with fruit groves, lagoons and canals. It was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site because of its remarkable mosaics. Visit the sixth-century octagonal Cathedral of San Vitale, one of the most important sites of early Christian art in Italy. In nearby Classe, stop at the exquisite Basilica of Sant' Apollinare, also known for its beautiful mosaics. After lunch return to Bologna for an afternoon at leisure. Dine à la carte at your choice of A&K recommended restaurants.

Grand Hotel Baglioni B L D

DAY 6: Bologna/Naples/Ravello

Fly from Bologna to Naples, where you join a specialist local guide for a brief panoramic tour of the city. Explore the National Archaeological Museum, which houses many of the priceless artifacts found in Pompeii and Herculaneum as well as other artistic treasures. Then drive to Pompeii itself. Once a busy trading town, Pompeii was covered in stone and ash in AD 79 when nearby Mount Vesuvius erupted. On a guided walking tour see some of the famous monuments, such as the patrician villa of the House of Vetti, the wonderful mosaics of the House of Faun and remnants of the everyday life of the city. Continue to picturesque, hillside Ravello overlooking the scenic Amalfi coast. Dinner is à la carte at your hotel. *Hotel Caruso B L D*

DAY 7: Ravello/Amalfi Coast/Ravello

Drive along the beautiful Amalfi Coast, offering spectacular views across the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Gulf of Salerno. Stop in Amalfi to visit the 10th-century cathedral of Saint Andrew that reflects the maritime power of this city in medieval times. Then continue to picturesque Positano, perched on the cliffs overlooking the sea. After lunch, wander the winding lanes, shop in its boutiques or relax in a seaside café. Return to Ravello, where this evening you join fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Hotel Caruso B L D

DAY 8: Ravello

Design Your Day from the options in the box below. Farewell drinks this evening mark the end of this remarkable trip.

Hotel Caruso B

DAY 9: Ravello/Naples

After breakfast, transfer to Naples Airport to board a homebound flight. *B*

Design Your Day — Ravello: Choose a full day excursion to Capri including a visit to the famed Blue Grotto and the Villa San Michele in Anacapri. Alternatively, join a local guide for a morning sightseeing tour of Ravello, including the beautiful 11th-century cathedral and the splendid Villa Rufulo and Villa Cimbrone followed by an afternoon of leisure to relax in the excellent facilities and charming surroundings of the hotel.

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your trip to Rome (see page 132 for details).

A view of the Bay of Naples from hilltop Ravello

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land arrangements		
Double occupancy		$ 12,995
Single supplement		$ 2,545
Internal airfare	Bologna/Naples	
	Economy class	from $ 395

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DEPARTURE DATES							
2009	May 12	- 20	Sep 15	- 23	Oct 20	- 28
	Jun 16	- 24				

Signature Italy

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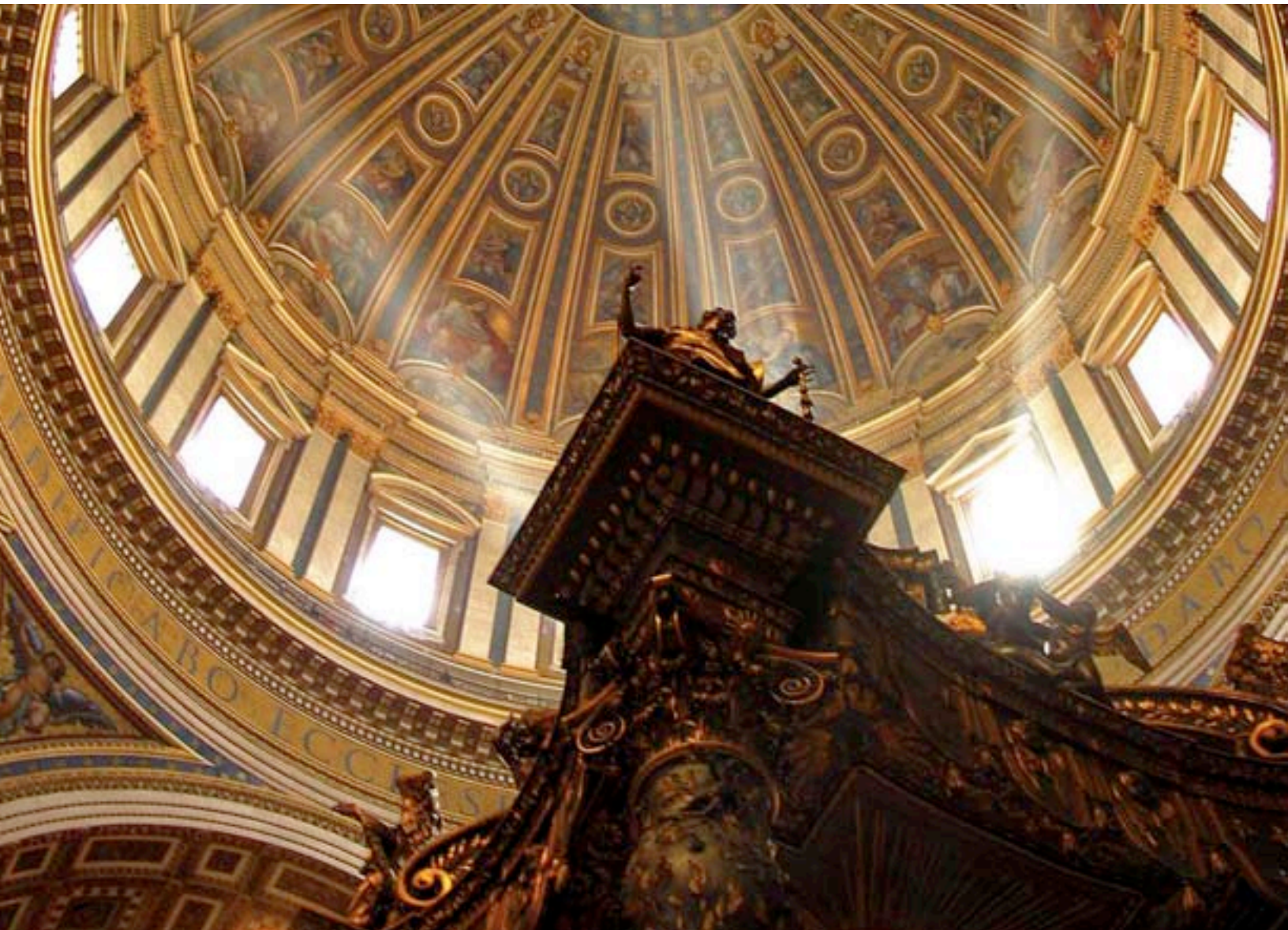

11 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Tuesday

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Venice, Italy
Board an overnight flight to Venice. On arrival, transfer to your hotel. *Bauer Il Palazzo/Londra Palace*

DAY 3: Venice
Stroll through the Doge's Palace, Piazza San Marco and St. Mark's Basilica. The afternoon is at leisure before this evening's romantic gondola ride and a musical serenade. *Bauer Il Palazzo/Londra Palace B*

DAY 4: Venice
Travel by private boat this morning across the lagoon to Murano, famous for its glass works, and Burano, known for its lace shops. Your afternoon is at leisure to visit the Church of Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari. *Bauer Il Palazzo/Londra Palace B*

DAY 5: Venice/Florence
A&K's Concierge Rail Service offers assistance at the station when you travel by train to the historic Renaissance city of Florence. *Hotel Savoy/Gallery Hotel Art B*

DAY 6: Florence
Discover the wonders of Florence, including the Duomo, the Galleria dell'Accademia that houses Michelangelo's *David*, the Bargello Museum and the Church of Santa Croce. The afternoon is at leisure to explore on your own. *Hotel Savoy/Gallery Hotel Art B*

DAY 7: Florence
Visit the Uffizi Gallery, home to timeless works by da Vinci, Michelangelo, Titian, Raphael and other masters of the Renaissance. View the remarkable exterior of the Palazzo Vecchio before walking through the Piazza Signoria with its panoply of statues. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Hotel Savoy/Gallery Hotel Art B*

DAY 8: Florence/San Gimignano/Siena/Rome
Take in a panoramic view of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo, then drive through the glorious Tuscan countryside to San Gimignano, known for its ancient walls and towers. Continue to Siena and wander the Piazza del Campo, visiting the Duomo. After lunch at leisure, transfer to Rome. *Hotel de Russie/Rose Garden Palace B*

DAY 9: Rome
Sample some of Rome's lengthy history when you visit the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Circus Maximus, Arch of Constantine and the Church of San Pietro in Vincoli. Drive along the famous Via Veneto, past the Aurelian Walls, Piazza Barberini and the Trevi Fountain. *Hotel de Russie/Rose Garden Palace B*

DAY 10: Rome
A visit to the Vatican includes the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo from 1508 to 1512 and considered to be one of the most renowned artworks of the High Renaissance period. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where Peter the Apostle, thought to be the first Pope, was crucified and buried. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Hotel de Russie/Rose Garden Palace B*

DAY 11: Rome/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

Travel from Paris to Venice aboard the luxurious Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train to begin your journey. Please ask for details.

Florence's hallmark Duomo

PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	**GOLD**	**SILVER**
Low season Jul 25 - Aug 22 (GOLD/SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 12,825	$ 10,260
Single supplement	$ 5,150	$ 2,095
Mid season Apr 04, Jul 04 - 18 (GOLD); Jul 11 - 18, Aug 29 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 14,555	$ 10,435
Single supplement	$ 6,740	$ 2,205
High season Apr 11 - Jun 27, Aug 29- Oct 24 (GOLD); Apr 04 - Jul 04, Sep 05 - Oct 24 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 15,910	$ 10,990
Single supplement	$ 7,985	$ 2,915

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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Apr 04 - 14	Jun 13 - 23	Aug 22 - Sep 01
	Apr 11 - 21	Jun 20 - 30	Aug 29 - Sep 08
	Apr 18 - 28	Jun 27 - Jul 07	Sep 05 - 15
	Apr 25 - May 05	Jul 04 - 14	Sep 12 - 22
	May 02 - 12	Jul 11 - 21	Sep 19 - 29
	May 09 - 19	Jul 18 - 28	Sep 26 - Oct 06
	May 16 - 26	Jul 25 - Aug 04	Oct 03 - 13
	May 23 - Jun 02	Aug 01 - 11	Oct 10 - 20
	May 30 - Jun 09	Aug 08 - 18	Oct 17 - 27
	Jun 06 - 16	Aug 15 - 25	Oct 24 - Nov 03

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A field of flowers in Umbria

TUSCANY & UMBRIA

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DAYS 1–4: Arrive in enchanting Florence and transfer to the historic Grand Hotel located along the Arno River. Visit the Duomo (Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore), the famous landmark of Florence, and the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's *David*. See San Lorenzo Church and chapels, once the parish church of the Medici family; most of the family is buried here. View some of the world's most important art treasures at the Uffizi Gallery and the final resting places of famous Florentines (including Michelangelo and Galileo) at the Church of Santa Croce. On one day, travel to Pisa, with its famous Leaning Tower, and to the beautiful walled city of Lucca with its lovely 11th-century cathedral.

DAYS 5–7: Drive to medieval San Gimignano, known for its surviving towers. Continue to Siena for a stay at the Grand Hotel Continental, located in the pedestrian shopping area near the Duomo. This scenic Tuscan town was built on three hills and is enclosed by a set of walls and gates. Wander through the Piazza del Campo, one of the finest main squares in Italy, and see the Palazzo Pubblico. In Siena's Gothic Duomo, view brilliant frescoes by Pinturicchio, then travel to the famous Chianti wine region to sample local vintages.

DAYS 8–10: Explore some of Umbria's hill towns, including Pienza, a small Renaissance town that was the birthplace of Pope Pius II. In Montepulciano, see architecture that is a blend of Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque styles. Spend three nights at the gracious Brufani Palace in Perugia and visit the Collegio del Cambio (Exchange Guild), where elaborate frescoes decorate the meeting room and chapel of the guild of bankers and moneychangers. Visit the imposing Palazzo dei Priori's National Gallery of Umbria, then explore the Basilica St. Francis in Assisi, the ceramic-producing town of Deruta and the charming town of Todi.

DAY 11: Travel via picturesque Orvieto to glorious Rome for a night at the magnificent Hotel de Russie, near the Spanish Steps and fashionable Via Condotti.

DAY 12: Transfer to the Rome airport for your departure flight.

Portofino's seaport

ITALY: COASTAL FOOD & WINE

Ladispoli • Castiglione della Pescaia • Portofino • Verona • Venice

DAYS 1–2: You are met in Rome and transferred to La Posta Vecchia, your elegant hotel in Ladispoli. Explore the surrounding Roman town of Viterbo. Visit Tarquinia's Archaeological Museum that houses one of Italy's finest collections of Etruscan treasures. Sit down to lunch on your own on the shores of Lake Bracciano and sample the famous Est Est Est wine of Montefiascone. Spend the afternoon in Cerveteri, a fascinating Etruscan necropolis.

DAYS 3–4: Drive along the scenic Tyrrhenian coast en route to Castiglione della Pescaia and your hotel, L'Andana. Experience Tuscany's gastronomy: your hotel's Trattoria restaurant is managed by world-acclaimed chef Alain Ducasse, and you join him for a two-hour cooking class. Then head to Bolgheri for an exclusive tour of Ornellaia Wine Estate with a wine tasting in their cellar.

DAYS 5–6: Make your way up the Ligurian coastline and privately visit one of Tuscany's oldest pasta makers for a traditional demonstration. Spend two nights at the majestic Hotel Splendido in Portofino. A private boat trip along the picturesque Cinque Terre reveals tiny unspoiled fishing villages that cling to the steep cliffs of the coastline. Take time out to fish for mussels, which are then prepared on board by your professional chef.

DAYS 7–8: Stop for an exclusive visit to meet a renowned balsamic vinegar producer. Your next two evenings are at the Byblos Art Hotel in Corrubbio near Verona, a city that owes its romantic reputation to Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Your local guide takes you to Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet's house and the Roman Arena, one of the largest and finest preserved amphitheaters. Then explore the classic Valpolicella wine region and stop at a neo-classical estate for a tour and a wine tasting in its 18th-century cellar.

DAY 9: Travel to romantic Venice and take a private boat through the Grand Canal to your hotel, Bauer Il Palazzo. Walk through the city this afternoon to visit St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, once the seat of Venetian government.

DAY 10: Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Hotel Portfolio:
Italy & Sicily

LUNA HOTEL BAGLIONI
Venice, Italy

Close to famous Piazza San Marco in the heart of Venice, Luna Hotel Baglioni is a luxurious hotel with gorgeous panoramas of the lagoon. The oldest hotel in the city, it offers comfortable sophisticated rooms, elegant junior suites and suites that have been completely refurbished, offering beautiful views or marble terraces. Its marvelous Marco Polo Ballroom features 18th-century frescoes, while its refined Restaurant Canova offers excellent Italian cuisine in an intimate ambience.

HOTEL DE RUSSIE
Rome, Italy

The Rocco Forte Collection's Hotel de Russie is located on the fashionable Via del Babuino, next to the Piazza del Popolo and close to the Spanish Steps. In the legendary secret gardens, a tranquil oasis amid the bustle of central Rome, guests enjoy authentic Mediterranean cuisine at Le Jardin de Russie and can savor a martini at the fashionable Stravinskji Bar. The hotel provides a stylish and elegant base from which to visit the key attractions of the city and a place to relax and reflect in the de Russie Wellness Zone.

THE ST. REGIS GRAND HOTEL
Rome, Italy

César Ritz opened The Grand in 1894 as Rome's first deluxe hotel. Located within walking distance of the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain and Via Veneto, the hotel offers 161 luxurious accommodations, including a selection of suites. It is also the only hotel in Rome to offer butler service, complimentary with all suites, dedicated to attending to guests' requests 24 hours a day. As a focal point of Rome's diplomatic and political life, the hotel is proud to host many national and international dignitaries, heads of state, business executives and widely known celebrities.

HOTEL SAVOY
Florence, Italy

The Rocco Forte Collection's Hotel Savoy is located in the heart of Florence on the historic Piazza della Repubblica, close to the landmark Duomo and just steps away from the main fashion houses, museums and galleries. Relax and savor the surrounding atmosphere as you dine at L'Incontro Restaurant and Bar on the Piazza or work out in the fitness center while admiring the stunning views of the Duomo.

HELVETIA & BRISTOL
Florence, Italy

In the center of Florence, just off the most glamorous streets for shopping, is the Helvetia & Bristol, a member of The Leading Small Hotels of the World. It is an enchanting hotel with charm, character, personal service and an attention to detail that makes every sojourn a truly memorable experience. There are 67 guest rooms and the Hostaria Bibendum Restaurant which offers Mediterranean cuisine with an accent on Tuscan specialties in an intimate setting.

CA' SAGREDO
Venice, Italy

Ca' Sagredo is the new luxury five-star hotel in Venice overlooking the Grand Canal between Ca D'Oro and the Rialto Bridge. Dating back to the 15th century, Ca' Sagredo, a member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World, typifies the perfect Venetian *palazzo* hotel where exceptional decoration, style and quality are effortlessly combined with contemporary chic, surpassing the expectations of even the most discerning of guests.

GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI
Bologna, Italy

A recent refurbishment has enriched the Grand Hotel Baglioni with a new range of junior suites and deluxe rooms that reflects a classic style in line with the hotel's aristocratic ambience. Beautiful draperies and 18th-century paintings adorn all rooms and suites, enhanced by antiques and fitted with the most modern amenities. The hotel's Carracci Restaurant, famous for its frescoes and excellent cuisine, is considered to be one of the most elegant in the city.

GRAND HOTEL CONTINENTAL
Siena, Italy

The Grand Hotel Continental is an impressive historical residence of the 17th century located in the heart of the Tuscan city of Siena — a five-star deluxe hotel and a member of The Leading Small Hotels of the World. It offers 51 elegant rooms furnished with antiques of exquisite design and detail. The Sapordivino Wine Bar & Restaurant specializes in Tuscan cuisine and offers a selection of Italian wines and delicacies.

VILLA MANGIACANE
Florence (San Casciano), Italy

Villa Mangiacane is more than a hotel; it is an informal luxurious private home set among acres of vineyard, olive grove and majestic forest. A few privileged guests can enjoy authentic Tuscan villa living, savoring the ambience and the wines and olive oil produced by the estate, a magnificent late 15th-century villa that bears the unmistakable hand of the Renaissance master Michelangelo.

BYBLOS ART HOTEL
Corrubbio, Italy

Located near Verona, the Byblos Art Hotel is housed in a beautiful Venetian villa encircled by a splendid park. The 17th-century property blends Baroque design and contemporary art, transforming the interiors of the 60 guest rooms into fascinating set designs with the precise scenic formulations of a museum. Restaurant choices include Restaurant Atelier, a sublime melody of colors and flavors; the romantic Terrace for summer evenings and Peter's Bar for sparkling atmosphere. Enjoy a sauna, Turkish bath, massage, mud bath treatment and hydrotherapy at the refined Istituto Henri and Dominique Chenot spa.

PALAZZO LEOPOLDO
Radda in Chianti, Italy

Palazzo Leopoldo is a historical residence that opened in 2001 in the center of Radda, one of the best-known towns in the Chianti countryside. Originally built in the medieval period, the house is named after the Archduke Leopoldo II, a member of the famous Lorena family, who stayed there in 1837 when the structure was a private manor house. The hotel is a wonderful base for exploring the countryside.

GRAND HOTEL TIMEO
Taormina, Sicily

Among Taormina's premier hotels, Timeo is adjacent to the Greek theater and dates back to 1873. Within an immense park, this historic property boasts breathtaking views of the sea and Mount Etna. Il Dito e la Luna restaurant offers Sicilian and Mediterranean specialties. La Zagara Bar provides the atmosphere of a 19th-century winter garden. Il Giardino di Bacco restaurant near the pool offers all-day dining, May through October. The facilities also include a wellness center and gym.

KEMPINSKI HOTEL GIARDINO DI COSTANZA
Mazara del Vallo, Sicily

The Kempinski Hotel Giardino di Costanza is just over one hour from Palermo, located in a lush valley immersed in olive groves and vineyards. It offers a refined resort experience that combines ultimate relaxation with its pools and beach club; one of a kind Nakhlah longevity, lifestyle and beauty spa; children's program and a wealth of excursions. This is an ideal base for discovering the countless treasures and traditions in Agrigento, Erice, Segesta and Mothia.

Spain & Portugal

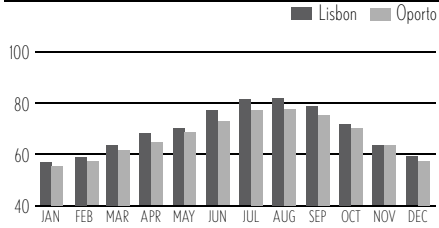
Sample Spain as you would its signature *tapas.* Discover the diverse regions and cities and taste the unique flavor of each. From the pointed spires of Gaudí's La Sagrada Familia to the pointed horns of the bull facing the matador, from the white stone walls of Madrid's Prado Museum to the white sand beaches of the Costa del Sol, Spain offers a delectable spread of sights and activities.

Spain, in a word, is passionate, and its people live life to the fullest. Visitors sense its vibrant lifestyle, from the lively *flamenco* to bullfights to equestrian choreography.

In Portugal, witness its history as a colonial power, a benefit of its enviable coastal location. As a result, its riches are apparent in the architectural remnants of its esteemed past, with stately palaces, imposing castles, tranquil monasteries and quaint fishing villages.

PORTUGAL

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

15	12	14	10	10	5	2	2	6	9	13	15
18	15	17	13	13	7	5	6	10	15	18	18

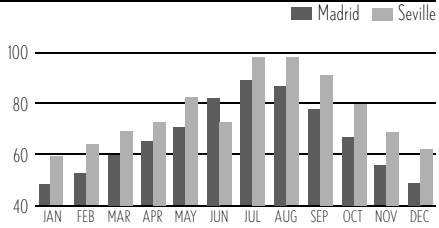
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 5 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

SPAIN

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

8	7	10	9	10	5	2	3	6	8	9	10
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TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Highlights of Spain

DISCOVERY SERIES

11 Days | Departs Wednesday, returns Saturday | Limited to 24 passengers

Flamenco dancers in colorful costumes

& Visit the most important attractions of Barcelona and Madrid at a relaxed pace • Pause for lunch in the Ciutat Comtal, one of Barcelona's most renowned *tapas* bars • Watch a traditional *flamenco* performance in Seville • Stop in a prestigious sherry *bodega* for a tasting and an opportunity to learn how this local beverage is produced

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Barcelona, Spain
Depart on an overnight flight to Barcelona, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Center for art and abuzz with activity and nightlife, Barcelona tops the list for style, design and the good life. You may have time for a stroll before meeting fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. *Hotel Casa Fuster D*

DAY 3: Barcelona
In the medieval Gothic Quarter, visit the cathedral, the beautiful Basilica of Santa Maria del Mar and the Picasso Museum. After a *tapas* lunch, explore the Eixample district and see some of the works of Gaudí. Over the course of his career, Antoni Gaudí developed a sensuous, curving, almost surreal design style that established him as the innovative leader of the Spanish art nouveau movement. Today you see the wave-like façade of the Casa Mila and the impressive but unfinished Sagrada Familia Basilica. Then enter the Parc Güell, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and pass Gaudí's famous dragon fountain of multi-colored tiles. Traverse a walkway supported by twisting rock pillars that seem to grow like tree trunks out of the ground — another Gaudí masterpiece.
Hotel Casa Fuster B L

DAY 4: Barcelona/Madrid
Take the new AVE high-speed train to Madrid; then see some of the city's highlights. Explore the Prado Museum, housing one of the most remarkable collections of European art in the world, including many of the supreme works acquired by Spanish monarchs. View works by Spain's great masters Goya, Velázquez and El Greco, as well as masterpieces by Bosch, Titian, Rubens, Rembrandt, Botticelli and Carvaggio. *Westin Palace Hotel B L*

DAY 5: Madrid/Toledo/Madrid
Visit the lavish Royal Palace before you explore the Reina Sofía Modern Art Museum, one of the largest contemporary art museums in the world. Its permanent collection consists almost exclusively of works by 20th-century Spanish artists, including Miró and Picasso. The museum's most famous masterpiece is Picasso's

Guernica. The rest of the day is at leisure, or you may join an optional afternoon sightseeing excursion to Toledo. Tonight, enjoy a typical *tapas* evening in the grand Plaza Mayor.
Westin Palace Hotel B D

DAY 6: Madrid/Córdoba/Granada

Board the AVE high-speed train for Córdoba where a walk through this medieval city takes you to the magnificent Mezquita, a massive Moorish mosque that was built between the 8th and 10th centuries. Observe the Mezquita's colorful arches, marble pillars and a soaring ceiling that are carefully balanced with detailed wall decorations. After lunch, continue by coach to Granada and check in to your hotel, where you dine à la carte.
AC Palacio de Santa Paula B L D

DAY 7: Granada

This morning visit the magical palace of the Alhambra, the "red fortress" and palace complex of the Muslim monarchs of Granada. The intricate engravings on its interior walls resemble beautiful lace work. Moorish poets called the Alhambra "a pearl set in emeralds" because of the color of the buildings and the backdrop of verdant forest and mountains. Then wander through the beautiful Moorish gardens of the Generalife Palace. After lunch the afternoon is at leisure. *AC Palacio de Santa Paula B L*

DAY 8: Granada/Ronda/Seville

Drive to the picturesque town of Ronda for a visit to the famous Plaza de Toros, the oldest bullring in Spain. After lunch at leisure, continue to Seville and your centrally located hotel for dinner.
Hotel Alfonso XIII B D

DAY 9: Seville/Jerez de la Frontera/Seville

After a leisurely start this morning, drive to Jerez de la Frontera, the sherry capital, for a private visit to a prestigious small *bodega* for an introduction to the process of sherry making. Then watch a performance of the famous "dancing stallions" of the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art. Tonight gather for a *flamenco* performance, followed by a farewell dinner.
Hotel Alfonso XIII B L D

DAY 10: Seville

Seville is the regional capital of Andalusia and one of Spain's most romantic cities, bearing traces of 500 years of Moorish occupation. It was home to the legendary Don Juan and Carmen and is the final resting place of Christopher Columbus and St. Ferdinand. Wander the picturesque, narrow streets of the Santa Cruz Quarter and visit the magnificent 14th-century Alcazar and cathedral. Gather for farewell drinks at the hotel this evening.
Hotel Alfonso XIII B L

DAY 11: Seville/USA or Canada

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to board a homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your stay in Portugal (see page 134 for details).

Cibeles Fountain in Madrid

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land arrangements	**Jul**	**May - Jun; Sep - Oct**
Double occupancy	$ 8,995	$ 9,970
Single supplement	$ 2,495	$ 3,395

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DEPARTURE DATES			
2009	May 06 - 16	Jun 17 - 27	Sep 30 - Oct 10
	Jun 03 - 13	Jul 15 - 25	Oct 14 - 24

Signature Spain

An Independent Itinerary

10 Days | Departs Thursday, returns Saturday

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Madrid, Spain
Depart on an overnight flight to Madrid. Transfer to your hotel for a day at leisure. *Hotel Ritz Madrid/InterContinental Madrid*

DAY 3: Madrid
See the highlights of Madrid, beginning at the Royal Palace, where rooms are filled with art treasures and antiques. This afternoon, explore the incomparable Prado Museum, housing works by Spain's three great masters: Goya, Velázquez and El Greco. *Hotel Ritz Madrid/ InterContinental Madrid B*

DAY 4: Madrid/Toledo/Madrid
Embark on a full day of exploration in Toledo, where winding streets shelter medieval buildings. See the great Cathedral and the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's famous *Burial of Count Orgaz*, and Santa María la Blanca, one of the oldest synagogues in Toledo. *Hotel Ritz Madrid/ InterContinental Madrid B*

DAY 5: Madrid/Córdoba/Granada
This morning travel aboard the AVE high-speed train to Córdoba, one of Spain's oldest cities. Stroll through the streets to the Mezquita, a massive Moorish mosque that was built between the 8th and 10th centuries. Inside, look up at the soaring ceiling and colorful arches. Later, travel through spectacular countryside to Granada. *Hospes Palacio de los Patos B*

DAY 6: Granada
A full day of sightseeing in Granada includes the magical Alhambra, a 13th-century palace-citadel of royal residential quarters, court complexes, a bath and a mosque. Continue to the beautiful gardens of the Generalife Palace, once the summer palace of the Nasrid sultans of Granada. *Hospes Palacio de los Patos B*

DAY 7: Granada/Ronda/Seville
En route to Seville, stop in picturesque Ronda, perched astride the 300-foot gorge of El Tajo, to visit the oldest bullring in Spain. *Hotel Alfonso XIII/Hospes Las Casas del Rey de Baeza B*

DAY 8: Seville/Jerez de la Frontera/Seville
Travel to Jerez de la Frontera to visit the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art and watch a performance of the well-choreographed "dancing stallions." Then continue to a *bodega* for a sherry tasting before returning to Seville. *Hotel Alfonso XIII/Hospes Las Casas del Rey de Baeza B*

DAY 9: Seville
Sightseeing includes the 15th-century cathedral, one of the most breathtaking in all of Christendom, and the palace complex of the Alcázar, one of the best remaining examples of *mudéjar* architecture that reflects Islamic influences. This evening enjoy an authentic *flamenco* performance. *Hotel Alfonso XIII/Hospes Las Casas del Rey de Baeza B*

DAY 10: Seville/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your stay in Barcelona or Portugal (see pages 133–134 for details).

The lush gardens of the Generalife Palace

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land arrangements	**GOLD**	**SILVER**
Low season Jul 09 - Aug 20 (GOLD/SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 11,990	$ 9,965
Single supplement	$ 2,715	$ 835
Mid season Apr 02 - 09, Jun 25, Jul 02, Aug 27, Sep 03, (GOLD); Jun 18 - 25, Jul 02 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 12,635	$ 10,120
Single supplement	$ 3,910	$ 885
High season Apr 16 - Jun 18, Sep 10 - Oct 29 (GOLD); Apr 02 - Jun 11, Aug 27 - Oct 29 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 12,990	$ 10,260
Single supplement	$ 3,590	$ 930

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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Apr 02 - 11	Jun 18 - 27	Aug 27 - Sep 05
	Apr 09 - 18	Jun 25 - Jul 04	Sep 03 - 12
	Apr 16 - 25	Jul 02 - 11	Sep 10 - 19
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	May 28 - Jun 06	Aug 13 - 22	Oct 22 - 31
	Jun 04 - 13	Aug 20 - 29	Oct 29 - Nov 07
	Jun 11 - 20		

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The seaside in San Sebastián

A view of the Alfama quarter in Lisbon

SPAIN

Madrid • Haro • San Sebastián • Bilbao

DAYS 1–4: On arrival in Madrid you are met and transferred to the prestigious Hotel Ritz Madrid for a three-night stay. Explore Madrid's highlights, including the Royal Palace and the amazing Prado Museum. Enjoy a *flamenco* evening at Casa Patas, one of Spain's most famous venues. A full day's excursion to the Castile region takes you to El Escorial, the vast Royal Monastery built by King Philip II; the walled city of Ávila and Segovia, home of the fairy tale Alcázar castle. You may have the chance to sample some of Segovia's gastronomic specialties, including roast baby lamb and suckling pig.

DAYS 4–5: Discover the mystic world of the great pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, known as the Way of St. James. Pilgrims have walked this route for more than 1,000 years to the site where the remains of St. James are buried. Stop in the Romanesque monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos, known for the Gregorian chanting of its monks. Continue to Burgos to see the great Gothic cathedral and follow the Pilgrim Road to Santo Domingo de la Calzada. Then arrive in the Rioja wine region's capital, Haro, and check in to Hotel Los Agustinos. Explore the Rioja region and its impressive vineyards. Later, dine in one of Haro's charming restaurants.

DAYS 6–7: Journey into Basque country to Vitoria. Cross the lush, rolling countryside to San Sebastián, the gastronomic capital of Spain for more than 100 years. Stroll through the delightful old town, teeming with quaint bars and restaurants. Pass the magnificent horseshoe bay of La Concha to see the *Comb of the Winds,* a massive iron sculpture set into the side of a dramatic cliff. Spend two nights at the elegant Hotel María Cristina. Explore the city on your own or take an excursion to the nearby French Basque region.

DAY 8: Drive the short distance to Bilbao, home of architect Frank Gehry's Guggenheim Museum. After exploring the museum with your specialist guide, check in to the modern Gran Hotel Domine across the street.

DAY 9: Transfer to the Bilbao airport for your departure flight home.

PORTUGAL

Guimarães • Duoro Region • Coimbra • Estremoz • Lisbon

DAYS 1–2: You are met in Oporto and transferred to the Pousada de Santa Marinha in Guimarães. Discover the Minho province. See Guimarães, known as the "cradle" of Portugal, and pass the vestiges of an extensive sixth-century Celtic settlement to Braga to visit Bom Jesus Sanctuary, best known for its monumental staircase. Continue to Ponte de Lima to see the Roman and medieval bridges.

DAY 3: In Oporto, known for its fortified wine, visit the 19th-century Stock Exchange Palace. Cruise under the six city bridges, including one designed by Gustave Eiffel. Stop at a famous wine lodge before continuing to your *pousada,* the Solar da Rede, an 18th-century aristocratic mansion set on a 99-acre wine estate.

DAYS 4–5: Visit one of the many wine estates in the Douro Region before heading toward Bussaco, the nearby spa town of Luso and the gastronomic Mealhada region. Your hotel is Quinta das Lagrimas in Coimbra. Explore the old university and the Romanesque Old Cathedral. Drive to Conimbriga, a former Celtic and Roman settlement and important Roman archaeological site.

DAY 6: Drive to Tomar, the 12th-century seat of the order of the Templars. Visit the ancient Castle-Convent of Christ and the Abraão Zacuto Hebraic Museum. Then examine the 16th-century Pegões aqueduct. Pass the São Mamede Mountains to Estremoz and check in to the Pousada of Rainha Santa Isabel.

DAYS 7–10: Stop at a marble quarry en route to Évora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the first-century Roman ruins and the 16th-century Jesuit University. Arrive in Lisbon for your stay at the Lapa Palace Hotel. Visit the Belém area, the departure point for many of the early journeys to the "new world"; the Jeronimos Monastery and the Coach Museum. Then view the rich private art collection of Calouste Gulbenkian before travelling to coastal Sintra for panoramic views. On your last day, explore the Cistertian monastery of Alcobaca and Nazaré, a fishing village where the women still wear their traditional tartan dress. Continue to the walled town of Óbidos.

DAY 11: Transfer to the Lisbon airport your departure flight.

Hotel Portfolio:
Spain & Portugal

THE WESTIN VALENCIA
Valencia, Spain

Originally built in a modernist style in 1917, The Westin Valencia has been renovated into a new and exclusive hotel. The original façade has been conserved and its interior fully redesigned, combining a classic style with avant-garde technology that reflects a new city image. The 135 spacious rooms, interior gardens and excellent location are within walking distance of the historical and cultural center of Valencia and a perfect place to start discovering the city.

BARCELÓ LA BOBADILLA
Andalusia, Spain

This luxurious former Andalusian palace and member of The Leading Small Hotels of the World offers stunning views over its 1,000 acres. In the heart of Andalusia's Moorish heritage, the wonders of Granada, Seville and Córdoba's breathtaking monuments are within easy reach. The hotel's 70 luxuriously appointed guest rooms have each been individually designed. With the vast outdoor pool, new spa and exquisite cuisine, this enchanting hotel combines elegance, tranquility and a gateway to the region's cultural wealth.

HOSPES PALACIO DEL BAILÍO
Córdoba, Spain

Located in the heart of the historic center of Córdoba, Hospes Palacio del Bailío was built between the 16th and 18th centuries and has been declared a property of cultural heritage interest. There are 53 spacious guest rooms, several patios, meeting rooms and the remains of an ancient Roman house. Guests can sample tantalizing regional cuisine in the Senzone Restaurant and Tapas Bar and pamper themselves in the Bodyna Spa.

HOSPES PALACIO DE LOS PATOS
Granada, Spain

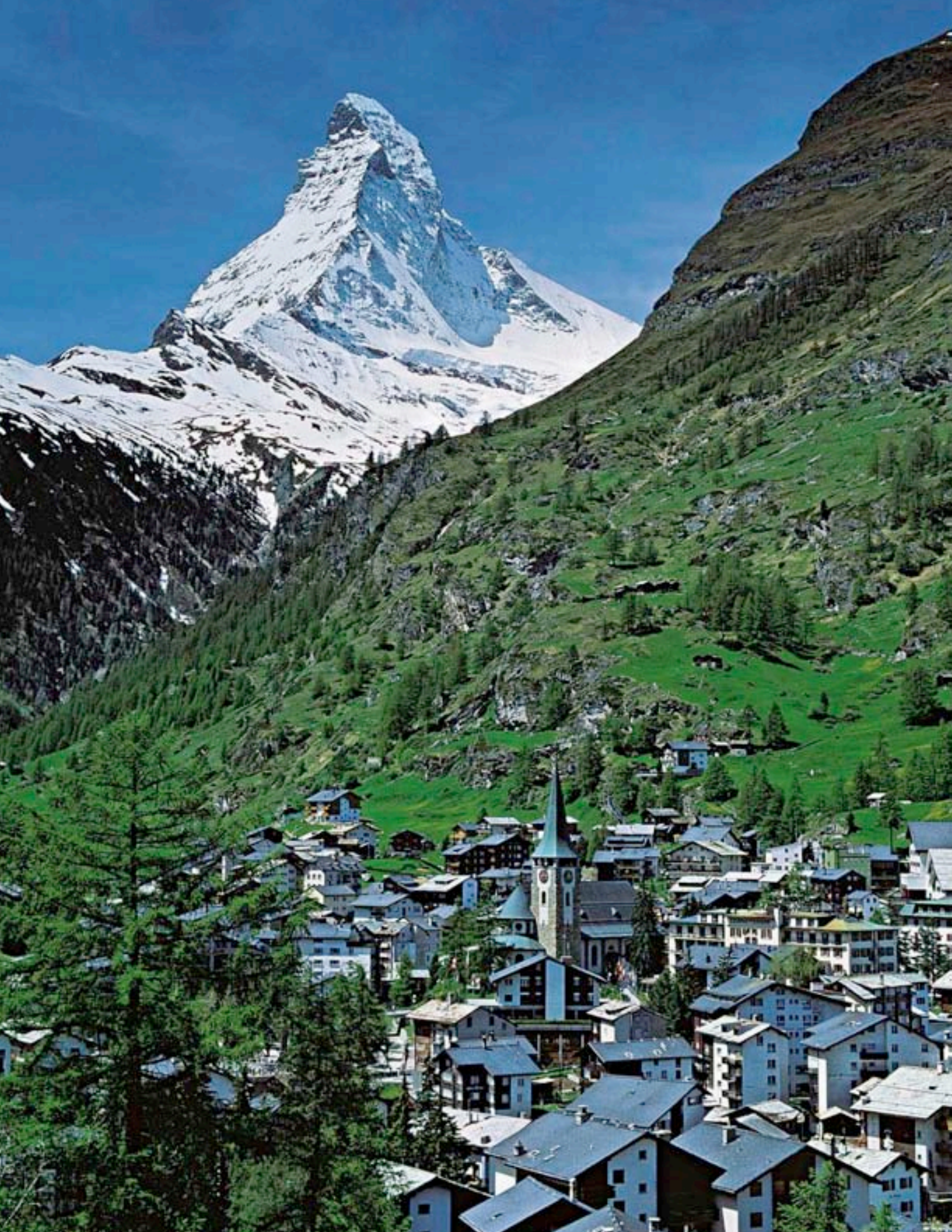
Hospes Palacio de los Patos is a diverse combination of two buildings: the Palacio de los Patos, a sympathetic conversion of a 19th-century palace, and a striking new building, a mixture of depths and transparencies behind a majestic lattice of alabaster. Its 42 rooms are spaces of light and purity, where each element contributes to the sleep experience. The Senzone Gastronomic Restaurant invites its guests to discover Granada through its local flavors, and the Bodyna Spa offers a range of natural treatments.

CONVENTO DO ESPINHEIRO HERITAGE HOTEL & SPA
Evora, Portugal

Eighty-one miles inland from Lisbon, just one mile away from the World Heritage City of Évora and surrounded by 20 acres of beautiful gardens, this former 15th-century convent has been luxuriously decorated. With 92 rooms, a restaurant and piano bar, an area for wine-tasting and savoring of regional dishes, a six-treatment room spa, indoor and outdoor pools and a tennis and paddle court, it is a perfect location for leisure and relaxation.

CHOUPANA HILLS RESORT & SPA
Funchal, Madeira

This innovative boutique resort and spa is set in the lush sub-tropical hillside above Funchal and is a glorious mix of style, top class facilities, comfortable and exotic accommodation. Bungalows on stilts house 58 deluxe rooms and four suites. Inspired by local and exotic products, Xôpana offers "fusion" cuisine that will awaken your senses. In Choupana's inspirational spa, serenity pervades, whether you're enjoying a treatment or relaxing in the *hammam.*



Central & Eastern Europe

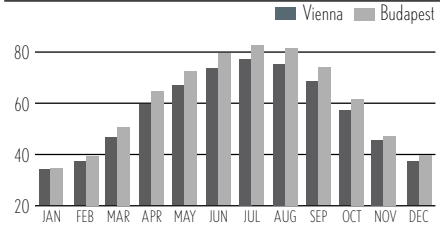
Central Europe is a bit like the setting for a grand fairy tale, with castles perched on cliff tops, sparkling blue lakes and half-timbered houses. But the cities in Germany, Austria and Switzerland are bursting with cultural opportunities, fine dining and a plethora of nightlife.

In Eastern Europe the pace is gentler and the flavor more traditional. Journey through miles of clean, unspoiled beauty, where the thickly forested Carpathian Mountains of Romania branch to reveal a panorama of valleys dotted with farms and picturesque villages. Traverse low-lying hills clad with vineyards in rural Hungary and discover a Mediterranean flavor along Croatia's dramatic Dalmatian Coast.

In each of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe you discover the comfort and hearty cuisine that can come only from the heartland.

AUSTRIA & HUNGARY

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

15	14	13	11	13	13	13	13	8	13	14	15
13	12	11	11	13	13	19	9	7	10	14	13

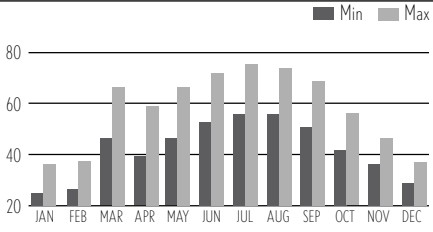
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Average daily temperature in F° – Prague



Average days with rainfall

13	11	13	11	13	12	13	12	10	13	12	13

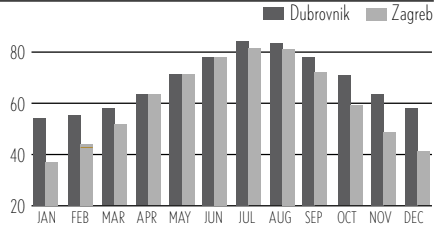
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

CROATIA

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

13	13	11	10	10	6	4	3	7	11	16	15
14	11	10	12	14	14	12	10	10	13	15	14

TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another country in Europe.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Highlights of Romania & Bulgaria

DISCOVERY SERIES

13 Days | Departs Sunday, returns Friday | Limited to 24 passengers

The glorious Romanian countryside

& Sit down to a private lunch in a bishop's palace in Curtea de Arges • Dine in a local house with traditional entertainment in Sibiel • Visit a restored medieval Saxon house in Biertan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Join the director of the Kazanlâk Thracian Tomb for lunch and a private tour

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Bucharest, Romania
Depart on an overnight flight to Bucharest. Transfer to your hotel and later join fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.
JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel D

DAY 3: Bucharest
Visit the Palace of Parliament, the folly of former Communist leader Nicolae Ceauşescu. His enormous "House of the People" was intended to be the largest building in the world; only the Pentagon is larger. After lunch of local specialties in the city's oldest beer hall, stroll through the old town and visit St. Anthony's Church. Dinner is at leisure. *JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel B L*

DAY 4: Bucharest/Sibiu
Travel to Wallachia and Curtea de Arges, where the first Romanian kings are entombed. Lunch privately in the bishop's palace before visiting the elaborate 14th-century Cozia Monastery. Dine à la carte at your hotel this evening.
Ramada Sibiu B L D

DAY 5: Sibiu/Sibiel/Sibiu
Long renowned for its beauty and wealth, Sibiu rejoiced as "European Capital of Culture 2007," an award that energized the town to revive its former glory. Walk through the town to discover its true ambience as you admire the period houses flanking the streets. Then stop at the 18th-century Bruckenthal Palace, Transylvania's finest art museum. After lunch continue to the village of Sibiel. Visit the church and glass icon museum before dinner and traditional entertainment in a private house. *Ramada Sibiu B L D*

DAY 6: Sibiu/Biertan/Sighişoara/Braşov
Transylvania is known for its numerous Saxon fortified churches, one of which stands overlooking the village of Biertan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was the seat of the Lutheran bishops from 1572 to 1867, and their gravestones can be seen inside the Bishop's Tower. After a barbecue lunch, continue to Sighişoara, a beautiful cobbled medieval town built by the Saxons, where you attend an organ concert in the citadel church. *Hotel Aro Palace B L D*

DAY 7: Braşov/Bran/Braşov
Braşov, a medieval merchants' town, is adorned with sturdy houses that proudly boast of its former wealth. Visit the first Romanian school before continuing to Bran ("Dracula's") Castle. Set atop a rocky bluff with a commanding view, the castle's thick walls and peaked tower provide a dramatic and chilling effect. Explore the labyrinth of rooms before returning to Braşov for dinner and a folklore show. *Hotel Aro Palace B L D*

DAY 8: Braşov/Sinaia/Bucharest/Veliko Târnovo, Bulgaria
Stop at Peleş Palace in Sinaia, a 19th-century castle set in romantic parkland that many consider to be one of the most beautiful castles in Europe. Pause for lunch in Bucharest before crossing the Danube and entering into Bulgaria. Continue to your hotel, a former residence with panoramic views over the countryside. Watch a private folk dancing performance during a barbecue dinner. *Arbanassi Palace B L D*

DAY 9: Veliko Târnovo
Explore Arbanassi's 17th-century Church of the Nativity and stop for refreshments at the 13th-century monastery of St. Nicholas. Continue to Veliko Târnovo, a town of beautiful fortresses, churches and 19th-century architecture perched on the dramatic sides of a gorge, carved by the contorted twists of the Yantra River. Pause for lunch and shopping in this picturesque town. This evening, dine privately in the ancient monastery of St. Peter and Paul. *Arbanassi Palace B L D*

DAY 10: Veliko Târnovo/Plovdiv
Visit Etara Folk Village; then travel to see the fourth-century BC burial mounds in the Valley of the Thracian Kings. Join the director of the Kazanlâk Thracian Tomb for lunch and a visit to the replica of the tomb. Dine à la carte at one of A&K's recommended restaurants in Plovdiv. *Trimontium Princess Hotel B L D*

DAY 11: Plovdiv/Bachkovo/Sofia
Lunch on local specialties at a 300-year-old private farmhouse in Plovdiv. Drive to the painted monastery of Bachkovo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its rich collections of old icons, jewelry and coins. Privately visit its 11th-century ossuary to see the remarkable paintings and murals that adorn the walls. Continue to Sofia for a panoramic sightseeing tour before this evening's farewell dinner. *Grand Hotel Sofia B L D*

DAY 12: Sofia
Visit Boyana Church, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with 13th-century frescoes thought to be some of the oldest in Bulgaria. You may choose to explore the great Rila Monastery, originally founded in the 10th century, on an afternoon excursion. Gather this evening for farewell drinks. *Grand Hotel Sofia B L*

DAY 13: Sofia/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your stay at the beautiful Painted Monasteries of southern Bucovina in Romania (see page 135 for details).

Peleş Palace in Sinaia

PRICE PER PERSON	
Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	$ 8,995
Single supplement	$ 1,715

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DEPARTURE DATES								
2009	Jun 21	-	Jul 03	Aug 23	-	Sep 04	Sep 06	- 18
	Jul 19	-	31					

Highlights of Slovenia & Northern Croatia

DISCOVERY SERIES

8 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Tuesday | Limited to 24 passengers

Idyllic Lake Bled, Slovenia

& Travel in a hand-propelled *plenta* (boat) for a scenic cruise on Lake Bled • Journey to the famous Postojna Caves and the stud farm in Lipica, known for its Lipizzaner horses • Visit the fortified Roman town of Pula and Rovinj on the Istrian Peninsula • Discover the many European cultural influences on Zagreb during a walking tour through the historic Upper Town

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Ljubljana, Slovenia
Depart on an overnight flight to Ljubljana. On arrival you are met and transferred to your elegant hotel in the heart of the city. The afternoon is at leisure before meeting your fellow travellers this evening for welcome drinks and dinner. *Grand Hotel Union D*

DAY 3: Ljubljana
Ljubljana grew into a major center of commerce and culture when the Hapsburgs assumed control in 1278. Wander the quaint streets of Slovenia's capital city and in the old part see the 18th-century cathedral and 16th-century castle that dominate the skyline. After lunch, continue through glorious countryside to Lake Bled. Like a picture postcard, its emerald green water surrounds a tiny islet with a pretty church and a medieval castle perched on a rocky cliff. Visit Bled Castle for spectacular views of the lake and mountains and board a hand-propelled *plenta* (boat) to cross the lake to Bled Island. Dine independently this evening.
Grand Hotel Union B L

DAY 4: Ljubljana/Postojna Caves/Lipica/Opatija, Croatia
Enormous stalactites and stalagmites form extraordinary shapes in massive, cathedral-like caves. See them firsthand when you visit the famous Postojna Caves, regarded as one of the most spectacular cave formations in the world. Look for the endemic olm, the largest troglodytic amphibian in the world, resident of the pool in the cave — the only place where it can be found. After lunch continue to the famous stud farm in Lipica, renowned for its Lipizzaner horses and celebrated riding school. Enjoy a guided tour of the farm followed by a performance by these elegant horses and their skilled handlers. Then cross the border to Croatia, a crescent-shaped country bordering the Mediterranean, Central Europe and the Balkans. One of the most beautiful destinations in Europe, its dramatic Dalmatian coastline mirrors the recent whirlwind of events in the country's history from the breakdown of the former Yugoslavia, through the political and military turmoil of the 1990s, to its candidature for membership of the European Union. Head toward

Opatija, once the most fashionable seaside resort of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Its waterfront promenade affords stunning views of the coastline. Dine á la carte at your hotel this evening. *Hotel Mozart B L D*

DAY 5: Opatija/Pula/Rovinj/Opatija

This morning travel to the Istrian Peninsula to the fortified Roman town of Pula. Explore its imposing Roman amphitheater, built entirely from local limestone and designed to host up to 20,000 spectators for the bloody gladiatorial contests held there. Notice the lavishly ornamented columns and friezes of the Arch of Sergius, erected in 27 BC. After lunch, journey to the picturesque fishing port of Rovinj for a stop at the charming 18th-century church of St. Euphemia. Return to Opatija for an à la carte dinner at one of a carefully selected choice of restaurants. *Hotel Mozart B L D*

DAY 6: Opatija/Zagreb

The morning is at leisure to enjoy the attractions of Opatija. For more than 160 years Opatija's beautiful parks, Austrian villas, seaside promenade and inviting beaches have attracted visitors from all over the world. Stroll along the waterfront, people-watch in a local café and admire the views from all directions. This afternoon, depart for Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, and check in to your elegant art nouveau hotel. Gather with fellow travellers this evening for a farewell dinner. *Hotel Regent Esplanade B D*

DAY 7: Zagreb

Zagreb is one of Europe's oldest cities yet one of the youngest European capitals. Modern Zagreb is represented in the Lower Town where theaters, shops, museums and cafés are found. Start the day with a guided walking tour through the cobbled streets of the historic Upper Town of Zagreb, reminiscent of Vienna, Budapest and Prague but with strong Italian influences. Some of the best-preserved buildings in Europe are found here along with a wealth of monuments from the past. Visit the Cathedral for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, see the Parliament Building, the President's Palace and lively Josep Jelasis Square. After lunch, the afternoon is at leisure for further independent exploration or shopping before gathering for farewell drinks this evening. *Hotel Regent Esplanade B L*

DAY 8: Zagreb/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight or continue with **Highlights of Central & Southern Croatia**. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Combine this program with **Highlights of Central & Southern Croatia** on pages 80–81.

A panoramic view of Zagreb, Croatia

PRICE PER PERSON	
Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	$ 5,450
Single supplement	$ 1,020

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DEPARTURE DATES							
2009	May 19	- 26	Jul 21	- 28	Sep 29	- Oct 06
	Jun 30	- Jul 07	Aug 18	- 25	Oct 13	- 20

Highlights of Central & Southern Croatia

DISCOVERY SERIES

9 Days | Departs Monday, returns Tuesday | Limited to 24 passengers

Stunning waterfalls at Plitvice Lakes National Park

& Explore beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site • Spend the night on Hvar, one of the most delightful islands along the Adriatic coast • Join a local expert for a wine tasting and a concert of Croatian *a cappella* singing • Spend time in Montenegro, Europe's newest "hot spot" • Visit Mostar in Bosnia-Herzegovina to see its famous bridge

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Zagreb, Croatia

Depart on an overnight flight to Zagreb. On arrival you are met and transferred to your refined art nouveau hotel. Your afternoon is at leisure, or you may join an optional sightseeing tour of Zagreb before meeting your fellow travellers this evening for welcome drinks and dinner. *Hotel Regent Esplanade D*

DAY 3: Zagreb/Plitvice/Trogir/Podstrana

This morning depart Zagreb, travelling in part along the new motorway, which connects Zagreb to Split. En route visit the beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose 16 lakes are connected by a series of waterfalls set in deep woodland. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Trogir, known as the "Jewel of the Adriatic." This UNESCO World Heritage Site is acknowledged for the beauty of its Romanesque and Renaissance buildings and fortifications. Visit the 13th-century cathedral of St. Lawrence and stroll through the old streets and waterfront before continuing to Podstrana. *Le Méridien Lav B L D*

DAY 4: Podstrana/Split/Podstrana

Discover Split, its busy waterfront and horseshoe-shaped harbor where ferries and private boats regularly cross the Adriatic to Italy. Stroll through the maze of medieval streets that cluster around the imposing Imperial Palace of Emperor Diocletian, built in the third century AD on the shores of the Adriatic. This looming building with its cavernous interior is a unique remnant of the great days of the Roman Empire. Next to it stands the richly decorated octagonal St. Dominus Cathedral, which was originally the emperor's mausoleum and is believed to be the oldest practicing church in Christendom. The rest of the day is at leisure. You may remain in Split to explore more on your own, walk along the waterfront and shop the quaint stores or return to the hotel to relax in one of the pools, the spa or on the private beach. This evening, join a wine expert for a tasting of Croatian wines, followed by dinner and a *klapa* concert, a traditional form of *a cappella* singing.
Le Méridien Lav B D

DAY 5: Podstrana/Split/Hvar

Cross the Adriatic by ferry or hydrofoil (depending on the season) to the island of Hvar, constructed by Venetian merchants whose palaces are hidden among the narrow backstreets of the town. Walk along the waterfront square past the 17th-century arsenal and cafés to the 15th-century Franciscan monastery of Our Lady of Grace and the 17th-century Renaissance theater, one of the oldest in Europe. This evening dine à la carte at one of a carefully selected choice of restaurants. *Hotel Adriana B L D*

DAY 6: Hvar/Mostar/Dubrovnik

Travel to the Croatian mainland and into Bosnia-Herzegovina for a visit to Mostar. This picturesque town takes its name from the 16th-century Stari Most, the old bridge that spans the waters of the Neretva River, flowing some 23 yards below. The town gained notoriety when the bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where traditionally East and West symbolically met, was destroyed during the conflict in 1993; the bridge was rebuilt in 2004. After lunch, enjoy a sightseeing tour including the Old Bazaar Kujundzilu, the 16th-century Karadjoz-bey's Mosque and Kajtaz's House, a Turkish home with beautiful living quarters and separate accommodation for men and women. Later continue to Dubrovnik, where dinner this evening is à la carte at a local restaurant. *Hotel Excelsior B L D*

DAY 7: Dubrovnik

Explore the walled city of Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic," now restored to its former glory. The landlords and merchants of this medieval city left behind a legacy of fortresses, churches and palaces built by the best-known architects of the day. Take a walking tour of the historic center and its 14th-century Dominican monastery; the Gothic-Renaissance Sponza Palace, the Rector's Palace; and the Cathedral, whose rich treasury of gold and silver religious artifacts is one of the most famous in the entire Adriatic region. Lunch and the afternoon are at leisure; tonight gather for a farewell dinner at the hotel. *Hotel Excelsior B D*

DAY 8: Dubrovnik/Montenegro/Dubrovnik

Drive along the coast into Montenegro and see its famous *fjord* as well as the Venetian trading town of Kotor, founded by the Romans and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The walled city is rich in period buildings and houses the 12th-century Cathedral of St. Tryphon, the Gothic Drago Palace and the Renaissance Pima Palace. Continue to Budva for lunch and a walking tour. Return to Dubrovnik for a farewell cocktail party. *Hotel Excelsior B L*

DAY 9: Dubrovnik/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. B

A&K RECOMMENDS ...

You may take this program in conjunction with **Highlights of Slovenia & Northern Croatia** on pages 78–79.

Mostar's famous Stari Most Bridge

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land arrangements	**May; Oct**	**Jul - Aug**
Double occupancy	$ 7,480	$ 7,870
Single supplement	$ 1,585	$ 1,735

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DEPARTURE DATES								
2009	May 25	- Jun 02	Jul 27	- Aug 04	Oct 05	- 13
	Jul 06	- 14	Aug 24	- Sep 01	Oct 19	- 27

Treasures of Germany

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

13 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Sunday | Limited to 24 passengers

The illuminated Brandenburg Gate

& Learn of the citizens' campaign to rebuild the Frauenkirche from a guest speaker in Dresden • Attend a private concert at the German National Museum • Drive along the "Romantic Road" to see quaint towns with a wealth of fountains and gingerbread-like architecture • Visit medieval Meissen's renowned porcelain factory

DAY 1–2: USA or Canada/Munich, Germany
Depart on an overnight flight to Munich where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Your afternoon is at leisure before meeting your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.
Hotel Kempinski Vier Jahreszeiten D

DAY 3: Munich
This beautiful 800-year-old city is the capital of Bavaria and the home of the world-famous Oktoberfest. Discover Munich's Church of Our Lady, the Marienplatz and the Church of the Asam Brothers. ✪ Design Your Day options fill the afternoon hours. Select an activity from the list at the end of the itinerary.
Hotel Kempinski Vier Jahreszeiten B L

DAY 4: Munich/Oberammergau/Bavarian Castles/Munich
Travel to King Ludwig II's ornate Castle Linderhof, the king's favorite. Later head to Obergammergau, home of the famous Passion Play that was first performed in 1634. Continue to see the fanciful, neo-romantic Neuschwanstein Castle, built by Ludwig II as a retreat and homage to composer Richard Wagner. Dine à la carte at your choice of carefully selected restaurants.
Hotel Kempinski Vier Jahreszeiten B L D

DAY 5: Munich/Rothenburg ob der Tauber
Drive along the "Romantic Road" with a stop in Dinkelsbühl before continuing to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Considered to be the best preserved medieval town in Europe, it seems to have leapt from the pages of a storybook, with gingerbread architecture and a wealth of fountains and flowers set against a backdrop of towers and turrets. Wander through the Imperial City Museum and visit Gothic 14th-century St. Jacob's Church. Dine at your hotel this evening.
Hotel Eisenhut B L D

DAY 6: Rothenburg ob der Tauber/Nuremberg/Leipzig
Explore Nuremberg's Old Town, including the market square, the Imperial Castle and the Church of St. Lorenz. Attend a private concert at the German National Museum before continuing to Leipzig by train. Dine at your hotel. *Hotel Fürstenhof B L D*

DAY 7: Leipzig

Discover Leipzig: the church of St. Nicholas, the Old Town Hall, the Bach Museum and the Thomaskirche. After lunch, your afternoon is at leisure. Dine à la carte at one of a group of carefully selected restaurants. *Hotel Fürstenhof B L D*

DAY 8: Leipzig/Meissen/Dresden

Visit medieval Meissen's renowned porcelain factory. After lunch in Meissen, continue to glorious Dresden. Dine à la carte at your hotel this evening. *Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski B L D*

DAY 9: Dresden

Explore Dresden, known as the "Florence of the North." Visit the Semper Opera House, the Zwinger Palace's collection of Old Masters and the Green Vault collection of priceless *objets d'art*. Later, a guest speaker relays his firsthand experience in reconstructing the famous Frauenkirche.
Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski B L D

DAY 10: Dresden/Berlin

Take a train to Berlin, Germany's largest city and center of culture and the arts. This former capital of the empire was the main seat of Prussian kings and now, once again, the residence of the Federal Government. After lunch visit the Reichstag, the Kaiser-Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Victory Column and Charlottenburg Palace. Dine à la carte at your hotel. *Hotel Adlon Kempinski B L D*

DAY 11: Berlin

A poignant journey to the former East Berlin shows you the Alexanderplatz, the "Red City Hall" and the Brandenburg Gate. See the East Side Gallery and Checkpoint Charlie. Lunch is at your leisure. DESIGN YOUR DAY options fill the afternoon hours. This evening join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.
Hotel Adlon Kempinski B D

DAY 12: Berlin/Potsdam/Berlin

Travel to Sanssouci Palace, Frederick the Great's summer palace, and to Cecilienhof Palace, site of the Potsdam Conference of 1945. Tonight, join fellow travellers for farewell drinks at your hotel.
Hotel Adlon Kempinski B L

DAY 13: Berlin/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

DESIGN YOUR DAY — MUNICH: You may visit the Nymphenburg Palace, the rococo residence of Bavarian princes and kings or head outside of Munich to Dachau, the first Nazi concentration camp, for a somber visit to a part of the darkest chapter in German history.

DESIGN YOUR DAY — BERLIN: Visit the fascinating Pergamon Museum on Museum Island and admire its world-renowned collection of antiquities or tour the Jewish quarter with a visit to the impressive Jewish Museum.

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Extend your stay in Prague (see page 134 for details).

Munich's Marienplatz

PRICE PER PERSON	
Land arrangements	
Double occupancy	$ 10,995
Single supplement	$ 3,675

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DEPARTURE DATES							
2009	May 12	- 24	Jul 21	- Aug 02	Aug 25	- Sep 06
	Jun 16	- 28				

A Tale of Three Cities: Budapest, Vienna & Prague

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

10 Days | Departs Monday, returns Wednesday | Limited to 24 passengers

Prague's Old Town

& Attend a private concert at the Pal C. Molnar House and privately tour the Hungarian State Opera House in Budapest • Go behind the scenes for a private look at the Estates Theater or Municipal House in Prague • Travel by comfortable first class rail between Vienna and Prague • A guest speaker presents an informative discussion of the Czech Republic's recent history • View the glittering collection of *objets d'art* in the Imperial Treasury of the Hofburg Palace in Vienna

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Budapest, Hungary

Depart on an overnight flight to Budapest, a city occupying both sides of the Danube and founded when right-bank Buda joined left-bank Pest in 1873. Transfer by private car to your hotel. You may join a walking tour this afternoon before meeting fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace D

DAY 3: Budapest

Begin your exploration of the lower city of Pest with a stop at Heroes' Square and the Parliament building, designed by Imre Steindl and inspired by London's Houses of Parliament. After a private visit to the Opera House, sit down to lunch in the famous Gundel Restaurant. Attend a private concert at the family home of 20th-century artist Pal C. Molnar and tonight dine à la carte.

Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace B L D

DAY 4: Budapest/Vienna

Discover the lovely hill of Buda and admire sweeping views of the Danube and Pest on a morning walking tour. Then journey across the plains of Hungary to Vienna, where the balance of the day is at leisure. This evening enjoy an à la carte dinner at the hotel.

Hotel Imperial Vienna B L D

DAY 5: Vienna

Vienna is almost unchanged since its days as capital of the Austrian Empire, miraculously maintaining its old-world elegance and charm while remaining a thriving center of politics and culture. Marvel at the soaring majesty of St. Stephen's Cathedral and the glittering collection of *objets d'art* in the Imperial Treasury within the Hofburg Palace, historic seat of the emperors and their governments. After lunch, visit the impressive summer palace of the Hapsburgs, magnificent Schönbrunn Palace. It was here amid

frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded ornaments that the five-year-old Mozart played to the court. Later, you may want to attend a performance at the famous Opera House.
Hotel Imperial B L

DAY 6: Vienna

DESIGN YOUR DAY this morning from a choice of options at the end of the itinerary. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight dine à la carte at one of a well-selected list of restaurants.
Hotel Imperial B D

DAY 7: Vienna/Prague, Czech Republic

This morning board the fast intercity train to Prague. Pause for refreshments at the Municipal House; then wander through the Old Town, a center for activity for more than 500 years.
Four Seasons Hotel Prague B L D

DAY 8: Prague

This morning a guest speaker discusses the Czech Republic's recent history. Stroll through the Old Town to visit the main square. Pause to admire the three vertical disks of the 15th-century astronomical clock that adorns the façade of the Gothic Town Hall. Continue to explore the Jewish Quarter. Travel on a private vintage tram to one of the city's best restaurants for a farewell dinner.
Four Seasons Hotel Prague B L D

DAY 9: Prague

Drive to Castle Hill for a visit to the Strahov Monastery, a Baroque architectural jewel. See the glittering collection of religious artifacts in nearby Loreto Chapel, then proceed to the Prague Castle complex. DESIGN YOUR DAY with an activity listed below. Farewell drinks this evening mark the end of this fascinating journey.
Four Seasons Hotel Prague B L

DAY 10: Prague/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

DESIGN YOUR DAY — VIENNA: Take a walking tour through medieval Vienna including the Jewish quarter and the Greek area, discovering well-preserved old buildings and hidden courtyards. Alternatively, discover the city's rich musical heritage, stopping at the famous addresses of important composers.

DESIGN YOUR DAY — PRAGUE: Embark on an excursion to Lobkowicz Palace, housing a permanent exhibition from the private collection of the Lobkowicz family; visit the Mala Strana district or wander the famous Baroque-style Vrtba Garden.

A&K RECOMMENDS …

Upgrade your room:

- Danube Deluxe Room (River View), *Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace* — from $310 per person per night.
- Double Room (River View), *Four Seasons Hotel Prague* — from $225 per person per night.

The lovely Schönnbrunn Palace and grounds

PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	Jul - Aug	May - Jun ; Sep
Double occupancy	$ 9,690	$ 9,995
Single supplement	$ 1,640	$ 2,505

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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	May 25 - Jun 03	Jul 06 - 15	Aug 10 - 19
	Jun 08 - 17	Jul 20 - 29	Sep 21 - 30
	Jun 15 - 24		

A Tale of Five Cities: Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Moscow & St. Petersburg

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

18 Days | Departs Monday, returns Thursday | Limited to 24 passengers

Night falls on Budapest's Szechenyi Lanchid Bridge

& Privately visit the Hungarian State Opera House and attend a concert at the Pal C. Molnar House • Attend an engaging lecture on contemporary issues in Prague and Moscow • Go behind-the-scenes at the Estates Theater or Municipal House • Enjoy "fast-track" access to the most popular sights in Russia, avoiding the usual long lines of visitors

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Budapest, Hungary
Depart on an overnight flight to Budapest and then transfer to your hotel. After an introductory walk through the city, meet fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. *Four Seasons Gresham Palace D*

DAY 3: Budapest
Budapest occupies both sides of the Danube. Spend the day exploring the lower east bank of Pest. Wander through Heroes' Square, privately tour the Opera House and attend a concert at the Pal C. Molnar House. *Four Seasons Gresham Palace B L D*

DAY 4: Budapest/Vienna
Cross the river to the Buda section of the city for a walking tour. Later, journey to elegant Vienna. *Hotel Imperial B L D*

DAY 5: Vienna
Vienna is nearly unchanged since it was the capital of the Austrian Empire, and it remains a thriving center of politics and culture. Explore the impressive Hofburg Palace, housing a stunning collection of *objets d'art* in its Imperial Treasury, and gaze at the towering St. Stephen's Cathedral. Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Hapsburg family, reflects the glories of the past. Admire its frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded ornaments. *Hotel Imperial B L*

DAY 6: Vienna
DESIGN YOUR DAY options fill the morning hours. The remainder of your day is at leisure. *Hotel Imperial B D*

DAY 7: Vienna/Prague, Czech Republic
Travel by train to Prague, then stroll through its charming Old Town to view the 15th-century astronomical clock on the façade of the Old Town Hall. *Four Seasons Hotel Prague B L D*

DAY 8: Prague
After a guest speaker discusses contemporary issues in the Czech Republic today, wander past the Romanesque and Gothic buildings that line the Old Town streets. Take a private tour of the Estates Theater of Municipal House. A private vintage tram takes you to one of the city's best restaurants for a farewell dinner.
Four Seasons Hotel Prague B L D

DAY 9: Prague
Visit the Baroque Strahov Monastery, the Loreto Shrine and Hradcany (Prague) Castle, a sprawling complex of buildings. ✪ Design Your Day this afternoon from the selections listed below. *Four Seasons Hotel Prague B L*

DAY 10: Prague/Moscow, Russia
Fly to Moscow and meet fellow travellers joining you for the Russian portion of your journey. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow B D*

DAY 11: Moscow
See the grandeur of Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral; then visit the Tretyakov Gallery before dinner and entertainment. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow B L D*

DAY 12: Moscow
Explore the Pushkin Museum's collection of foreign art that dates from ancient civilizations to modern day. Continue to Novodevichy Convent and the Smolensky Cathedral. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow B L*

DAY 13: Moscow
Explore the Kremlin where the *czars* were crowned and is now the residence of the Russian president. View the State Armory collection of regalia from the Imperial Era and the a collection of gems in the Diamond Fund. See the Square of Four Cathedrals. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow B L D*

DAY 14: Moscow/St. Petersburg
Fly to St. Petersburg and explore the Peter and Paul Fortress and the 19th-century St. Isaac's Cathedral, recognized by its dome covered in pure gold leaf. *Grand Hotel Europe B L D*

DAYS 15–16: St. Petersburg
Drive to Pushkin to see the beautiful Catherine's Palace and Petrodvorets to view the palace estate of Peter the Great. ✪ Design Your Day this afternoon from the options listed below. Meet this evening for your farewell dinner at the hotel. *Grand Hotel Europe B L D*

DAY 17: St. Petersburg
Explore the magnificent Hermitage Museum in the lavish Winter Palace; then visit the opulent Yusupov Palace, the scene of the murder of "Mad Monk" Rasputin. *Grand Hotel Europe B L*

DAY 18: St. Petersburg/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

✪ **Design Your Day — Vienna:** Take a walking tour through medieval Vienna or discover the city's rich musical heritage.

Design Your Day — Prague: Explore Lobkowicz Palace, the Mala Strana district or wander the famous Vrtba Garden.

Design Your Day — St. Petersburg: Choose from a visit to the ornate Church of Spilled Blood or a trip to the State Museum of Political History.

This program may be taken separately as **A Tale of Three Cities** (pages 84–85) or **Treasures of Russia** (pages 100–101).

The Grand Cascade at Petrodvorets

PRICE PER PERSON			
Land arrangements	**Jul**	**Aug**	**May - Jun; Sep**
Double occupancy	$ 19,995	$ 20,540	$ 20,975
Single supplement	$ 4,170	$ 4,270	$ 5,645
Internal airfare Prague/Moscow; Moscow/St. Petersburg Economy class			from $ 1,105

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DEPARTURE DATES			
2009	May 25 - Jun 11	Jul 06 - 23	Aug 10 - 27
	Jun 08 - 25	Jul 20 - Aug 06	Sep 21 - Oct 08
	Jun 15 - Jul 02		

Signature Eastern Europe

An Independent Itinerary

12 Days | Departs Wednesday, returns Sunday

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Budapest, Hungary
Depart on an overnight flight to Budapest. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, where the remainder of the day is at leisure.
Four Seasons Gresham Palace/Budapest Hilton

DAY 3: Budapest
A full day of sightseeing includes the Pest side of the city: St. Stephen's Basilica, Dohany Synagogue and Heroes' Square, and Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion in Buda.
Four Seasons Gresham Palace/Budapest Hilton B

DAY 4: Budapest/Danube Bend/Budapest
Travel to the Danube Bend to visit the small artists' colony of Szentendre, where sights include Blagovestenska Church and the Margit Kovacs Museum. Continue to medieval Visegrad and Esztergom, seat of the Hungarian Catholic Church.
Four Seasons Gresham Palace/Budapest Hilton B

DAY 5: Budapest/Vienna, Austria
A&K's Concierge Rail Service offers you assistance at the station when you travel by first class rail to Vienna. This afternoon meet your guide for a walk through the city to see the Hofburg Palace, St. Stephen's Cathedral and perhaps the colorful Viennese Naschmarkt.
Hotel Imperial/Grand Hotel Wien B

DAY 6: Vienna/Danube Valley/Vienna
Discover the beautiful Danube Valley at the Abbey in Melk and the wine town of Dürnstein. *Hotel Imperial/Grand Hotel Wien B*

DAY 7: Vienna
After a morning at leisure, visit the stunning Schönbrunn Palace and its magnificent grounds. *Hotel Imperial/Grand Hotel Wien B*

DAY 8: Vienna/Prague, Czech Republic
Travel to Prague in comfort and convenience with A&K's Concierge Rail Service, offering assistance at the station. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Four Seasons Prague/Hotel Aria B*

DAY 9: Prague
A full day of sightseeing includes the Old Town, Jewish Quarter, Charles Bridge and Hradcany Castle District, including the Strahov Monastery and Loreto Shrine. *Four Seasons Prague/Hotel Aria B*

DAY 10: Prague/Nelahozeves/Prague
Travel to Nelahozeves to visit the Dvorak Museum and its Renaissance château, including the exhibition "Private Spaces: A Noble Family at Home," reflecting an intimate view of the lifestyle of the Lobkowicz family in their country estate during the 19th century. *Four Seasons Prague/Hotel Aria B*

DAY 11: Prague/Kutna Hora/Prague
A full-day's excursion takes you to the 13th-century Konopiste Castle and the charming town of Kutna Hora to visit the Church of St. Barbara, Italian Court and Ossuary. *Four Seasons Prague/Hotel Aria B*

DAY 12: Prague/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport to board a homebound flight. *B*

The Hofburg Complex in Vienna

PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	GOLD	SILVER
Low season Apr 01 - 08, Jul 01 - Aug 26, Oct 28 (GOLD); Apr 01 - 22, Jun 24 - Aug 26, Oct 28 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 14,055	$ 9,595
Single supplement	$ 5,010	$ 2,380
High season Apr 15 - Jun 24, Sep 02 - Oct 21 (GOLD); Apr 29 - Jun 17, Sep 02 - Oct 21 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 14,570	$ 9,840
Single supplement	$ 5,540	$ 2,605

Solo traveller price is available upon request.
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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Apr 01 - 12	Jun 10 - 21	Aug 19 - 30
	Apr 08 - 19	Jun 17 - 28	Aug 26 - Sep 06
	Apr 15 - 26	Jun 24 - Jul 05	Sep 02 - 13
	Apr 22 - May 03	Jul 01 - 12	Sep 16 - 27
	Apr 29 - May 10	Jul 08 - 19	Sep 30 - Oct 11
	May 06 - 17	Jul 15 - 26	Oct 07 - 18
	May 13 - 24	Jul 22 - Aug 02	Oct 14 - 25
	May 20 - 31	Jul 29 - Aug 09	Oct 21 - Nov 01
	May 27 - Jun 07	Aug 05 - 16	Oct 28 - Nov 08
	Jun 03 - 14	Aug 12 - 23	

Signature Croatia

An Independent Itinerary

9 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Sunday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Split, Croatia/Podstrana
Depart on an overnight flight to Split where you are met and transferred to your hotel. *Le Méridien Lav*

DAY 3: Podstrana/Split/Podstrana
Meet your local guide for a tour of the lively seaport of Split. Visit the imposing third-century palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian and St. Dominus Cathedral, originally the emperor's mausoleum. You have free time to wander through Split's old town and shop in its boutiques. You might also consider an optional visit to the Botanical Gardens of Ostrog School. *Le Méridien Lav B*

DAY 4: Podstrana/Split/Hvar
Travel by public ferry to the island of Hvar, and this afternoon join your guide for a walking tour of the historic town center. Stroll past the harbor-front cafés of Hvar, best known for its medieval buildings that are the legacy of four centuries of Venetian rule. Continue to the Spanjol Fortress, perched high on a hill overlooking the town, for breathtaking views from the summit. Visit the cathedral and the arsenal, with time at leisure to wander the stone-paved harbor front. *Hotel Adriana B*

DAY 5: Hvar/Dubrovnik
Leave Hvar by public ferry and then drive along the coast. Stop in the fishing town of Ston, a beautiful example of a fortified town of Dubrovnik architecture. You may wish to pause for a typical Dalmatian lunch before arriving in Dubrovnik. *Hotel Excelsior B*

DAY 6: Dubrovnik/Cavtat/Dubrovnik
Join a local guide for a walking tour of Dubrovnik, a seventh-century walled town and UNESCO World Heritage Site brimming with medieval charm. Stroll along the Stradun, the stone-paved promenade, and visit the 14th-century Franciscan monastery and the Dominican monastery. Stop at the Rector's Palace and see Dubrovnik Cathedral. Continue to picturesque Cavtat to visit Mestrovic's Stone Mausoleum, Bogisic's Collection of graphics by domestic and foreign artists, ethnographical objects and a small archaeological collection of stone monuments and fragments.*Hotel Excelsior B*

DAY 7: Dubrovnik/Montenegro/Dubrovnik
Travel the stunning coastline along Europe's most southerly *fjord* to historic Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site surrounded by impressive medieval bulwarks. Drive over the Lovsen Mountain to Cetinje. Visit the National Museum, located in King Nikola I's former residence; the monastery, with a fence made from the barrels of captured enemy rifles and fifth-century Budva, one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic Sea. *Hotel Excelsior B*

DAY 8: Dubrovnik
The day is at leisure but consider an optional private boat excursion to the Elaphite Islands (at an extra cost). *Hotel Excelsior B*

DAY 9: Dubrovnik/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. *B*

Visit the Botanical Gardens of Ostrog School. The gardens are planted and maintained by school children. Bring books and school supplies or join the children in planting new specimens (at an extra cost).

Hvar's harbor

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land arrangements	**GOLD**	**SILVER**
Low season Apr 04 - Jun 20, Sep 26 - Oct 31 (GOLD/SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 7,540	$ 7,200
Single supplement	$ 1,915	$ 1,890
High season Jun 27 - Sep 19 (GOLD/SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 8,295	$ 7,855
Single supplement	$ 2,425	$ 2,105

Solo traveller price is available upon request.
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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Apr 04 - 12	Jun 20 - 28	Aug 29 - Sep 06
	Apr 11 - 19	Jun 27 - Jul 05	Sep 05 - 13
	Apr 18 - 26	Jul 04 - 12	Sep 12 - 20
	Apr 25 - May 03	Jul 11 - 19	Sep 19 - 27
	May 02 - 10	Jul 18 - 26	Sep 26 - Oct 04
	May 09 - 17	Jul 25 - Aug 02	Oct 03 - 11
	May 16 - 24	Aug 01 - 09	Oct 10 - 18
	May 23 - 31	Aug 08 - 16	Oct 17 - 25
	May 30 - Jun 07	Aug 15 - 23	Oct 24 - Nov 01
	Jun 06 - 14	Aug 22 - 30	Oct 31 - Nov 08
	Jun 13 - 21		

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Ideas for Independent Itineraries

A café at the Michael Gate in Bratislava

HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA & AUSTRIA: THE COMPOSERS

Budapest • Bratislava • Vienna

DAYS 1–3: Arrive in Budapest and transfer to the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace. Tour the Pest side of the Danube: the ornate Dohany Synagogue, the Jewish Museum and Heroes' Square, with its impressive Millennial Monument and St. Stephen's Basilica. View the Crown Jewels in the Parliament Building before crossing the Chain Bridge to Buda. Ascend Castle Hill by funicular, where the former Royal Palace gracefully towers over the Danube. Visit the Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion and Gellért Hill. Begin a music tour with stops at the Bartók Memorial House and the house of his friend and colleague Zoltan Kodaly. Continue to the Liszt Museum, the former residence of Franz Liszt. You may have the opportunity to privately tour the Opera House.

DAYS 4–5: Journey to Esztergom, the seat of the Hungarian Catholic Church, where you visit the Basilica, Crypt and Treasury containing an impressive collection of priceless treasures. Cross the border into Slovakia and check in to the Arcadia Hotel in Bratislava. Join your local guide for sightseeing in this former capital and coronation town of Hungary. Explore the castle district and the Old Town. Your guide points out where Béla Bartók went to school, where Joseph Haydn gave his concerts and where the nine-year-old Franz Liszt first performed. Visit St. Martin's Cathedral and then listen to a private organ concert followed by a private tour of the Opera House by a former director.

DAYS 6–8: Travel to Vienna and join a local guide for a walking tour along the 19th-century Ringstrasse. Stop at the Hofburg Palace complex and the Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral. Spend three nights at the opulent Hotel Imperial. Visit Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Hapsburg family, and tour sites dedicated to Viennese music and composers, including the monument to Mozart and Johann Strauss. See the Mozart House, where *The Marriage of Figaro* was composed, and visit the composer's grave at the Vienna Central Cemetery. Then learn the Viennese waltz when you attend a dance school for an introductory lesson. A traditional "pause" follows, with coffee or sparkling wine and cake.

DAY 9: Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

A festively decorated restaurant in Warsaw's Old Town

GERMANY & POLAND

Berlin • Dresden • Kraków • Warsaw

DAYS 1–3: Arrive in Berlin and transfer to the historic Hotel Adlon Kempinski. Take a short walking tour of the Brandenburg Gate area. Continue by car to the Reichstag and Potsdamer Platz, where East and West were reunited; then visit Checkpoint Charlie and the Checkpoint Charlie Museum. In the city's outskirts journey to the House of the Wannsee Conference and Liebermann Villa. Travel to Potsdam and stroll through the Sanssouci Gardens and Palace. Then stop at the Cecilienhof Palace where Truman, Stalin and Churchill signed the Potsdam Agreement in 1945.

DAYS 4–5: Before leaving Berlin, visit the Jewish Museum, the New Berlin Synagogue and the recently unveiled Jewish Memorial to victims of the Holocaust. Alternatively, privately visit Europe's largest synagogue. Transfer to the Kempinski Hotel Taschenbergpalais in Dresden. Explore the city to see the Baroque Zwinger Palace, housing Raphael's *Sistine Madonna*, the Dresden Royal Palace and its New Green Vault. Travel into Saxony to visit vineyards around Wackerbarth Manor and sample local wines.

DAYS 6–8: Fly to Kraków and check in to the Sheraton Krakow Hotel. Embark on a full-day tour of this city, one of UNESCO's 12 great historic cities of the world. Visit the Royal Castle and Cathedral, the main church of the former Cardinal Wojtyls who became the late Pope John Paul II; the fascinating Galicia Jewish Museum and Oskar Schindler's factory. At Auschwitz-Birkenau, pause to remember the four million victims of this Nazi concentration camp.

DAYS 9–10: Stop in Czestochowa to visit the Pauline Monastery of Jasna Gora, which houses the 15th-century painting *Black Madonna,* the holiest icon in Poland. Continue to your boutique hotel in Warsaw, Le Regina. Visit the most important sights of Jewish Warsaw: the former Jewish ghetto, the Nozyk Synagogue, the Jewish Theater, the Monument to the Heroes of the Ghetto and the Umschlagplatz Wall Monument. This evening, attend a private Chopin piano concert.

DAY 11: Transfer privately to the Warsaw airport.

Hotel Portfolio:
Central & Eastern Europe

HOTEL ADLON KEMPINSKI
Berlin, Germany

Located directly at the historical landmarks Pariser Platz and Brandenburg Gate, the legendary Hotel Adlon Kempinski is situated in a perfect location for exploring the city. All facilities, from the Restaurant Quarré, the Michelin-starred Gourmet Restaurant Lorenz Adlon, the elegant guest rooms and suites to the exclusive Adlon Day Spa, meet the demands for comfort and hospitable service.

HOTEL DE ROME
Berlin, Germany

The Rocco Forte Collection's Hotel de Rome is located on Bebelplatz in the heart of the city. A conversion of a historical building that once housed the head office of Dresdner Bank, the hotel offers contemporary design with efficient, courteous service. Visit the Spa de Rome, dine at the Parioli restaurant or relax in the cozy Bebel Bar.

THE CHARLES HOTEL
Munich, Germany

The Rocco Forte Collection's Charles Hotel opened in October 2007. Located in tranquil gardens in the historic center of Munich, the hotel is within walking distance of the famous Theatinerstrasse and Maximilianstrasse shopping areas and historical buildings. Featuring original paintings by Munich's celebrated 19th-century artist Franz von Lenbach, the hotel provides guests with individual design, elegant comfort, excellent levels of service and a luxurious spa and wellness club.

BAUR AU LAC
Zurich, Switzerland

A mere stone's throw from the Paradeplatz, Zurich's bustling financial district, the Baur au Lac serenely commands a privileged position with its own landscaped park. The same family has owned the hotel for more than 160 years. Recently, every room was thoroughly renovated, each one lovingly and uniquely crafted to combine superlative creature comforts with classical elegance and every conceivable technical convenience. The unusually large and light bathrooms, an attractive blend of marble and mirrors, combine practicality with sheer luxury.

HILTON IMPERIAL DUBROVNIK
Dubrovnik, Croatia

Overlooking the historic Old Town, the hotel was originally built in 1895 and completely renovated in 2005, preserving its original 19th-century architectural features while adding modern technology and comfort. All of the 147 rooms have a Mediterranean touch, with warm colors and cozy atmosphere. Features include an indoor pool, sauna and steam room and a lovely restaurant that offers international cuisine combined with local specialties.

LE MÉRIDIEN LAV
Podstrana (Split), Croatia

Set amid beautifully landscaped gardens and located directly on the beachfront, Le Méridien Lav lets guests experience the Mediterranean as it once was. Over 380 guest rooms and suites frame panoramic views of crystal seas overlooking Split and the surrounding idyllic islands. Seven restaurants and bars offer innovative pairings of flavors and aromas. The pristine beach, Penguins Kids Club and Diocletian Spa and Wellness Center make this an outstanding family resort.

ADRIANA, HVAR MARINA HOTEL & SPA
Hvar, Croatia

Perched on the promenade, facing the old city center, the view from Adriana takes in the Cathedral, the Venetian piazza and the bay all in one graceful sweep. The luxurious Sensorí Spa offers therapeutic and aesthetic treatments, massage, and a wide range of programs including yoga and nature excursions. The rooftop terrace features a heated, indoor/outdoor seawater pool and a spectacular sky bar and lounge area.

LE MÉRIDIEN BUDAPEST
Budapest, Hungary

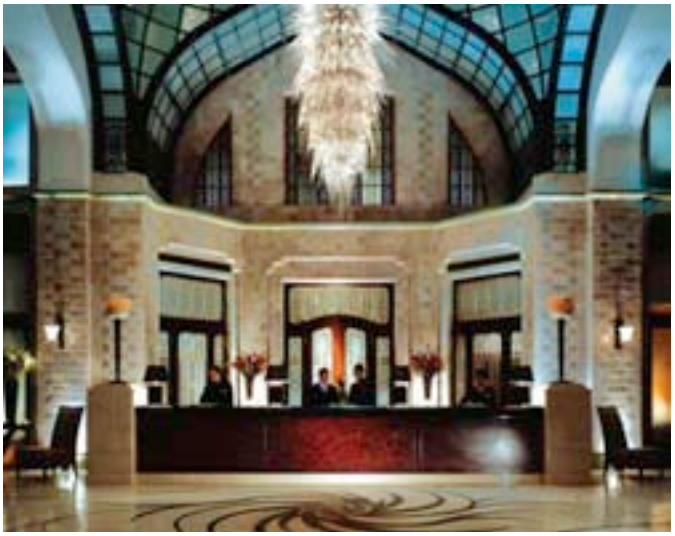
The hotel is located in the fashion district of the city, only a few minutes' walk from the Danube. This impressive building has 218 rooms including 26 suites with interactive LCD TV system, self-setting air conditioning and en suite bathrooms with bath and separate shower. Enjoy the high quality French cuisine of Le Bourbon and the welcoming ambience of Adria Palace Bar with live music every night. Relax in the health club which features a pool with natural daylight, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, massage and gym.

ARIA HOTEL
Prague, Czech Republic

The Aria, one of Prague's premier world-class luxury hotels, orchestrates your visit with tailor-made programs and creative cuisine. There are 52 individually designed guest rooms, and each floor is dedicated to an outstanding artist of jazz, opera, classical or contemporary music. Art is important to the Aria's décor; it houses a private collection of art deco and original masterpieces by Chagall, Picasso, Braque and Dali. For natural "art," take in the magnificent city views at the world-famous Aria Terrace Restaurant.

GOLDEN WELL HOTEL
Prague, Czech Republic

Golden Well Hotel is a quiet 16th-century hideaway gently nestled in the romantic rose garden of the Prague Castle. The Renaissance house originally belonged to Roman Emperor and Bohemian King Rudolf II. Today, Golden Well offers guests spectacular views over Prague from the terrace, gourmet restaurant and guest rooms. Each of the 19 spacious, sunny and charming rooms is individually designed with elegant Richelieu furniture and equipped with all modern facilities.



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GRESHAM PALACE BUDAPEST

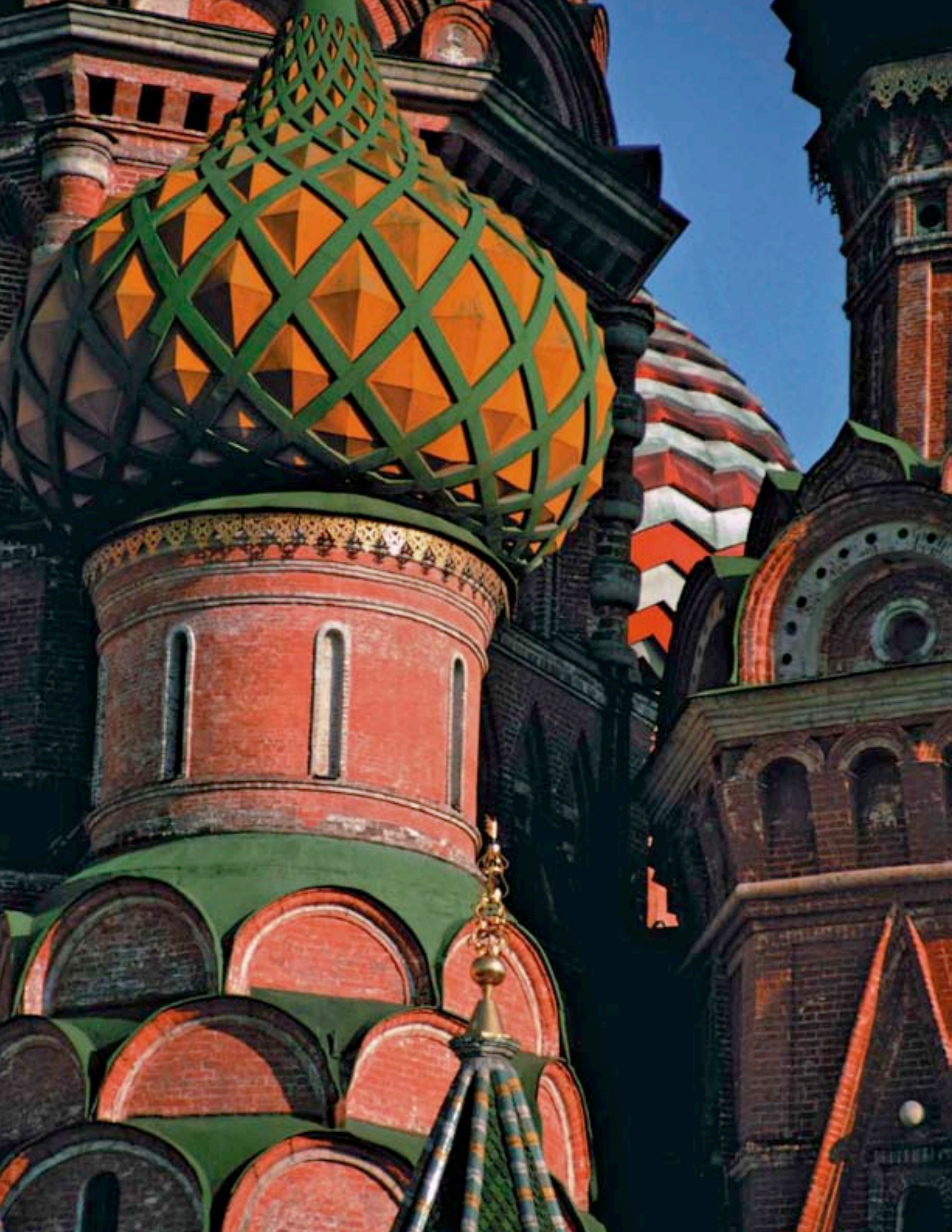
Budapest, Hungary

Four Seasons is located on the steps of the Danube with glorious views over the Buda castle district and just minutes from the shopping and cultural sites. The hotel is the rebirth of the city's century-old Gresham Palace with its soaring winter gardens, grand staircases, stained glass, mosaics and ironwork and is renowned as one of the finest examples art nouveau design in Europe. The hotel offers gracious hospitality and legendary service in its 179 guest rooms (including 17 suites), spa and fitness facilities as well as an indoor pool.

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL PRAGUE

Prague, Czech Republic

On the banks of Vltava River, steps from the Charles Bridge and in the heart of the Old Town, Four Seasons interweaves brilliant architecture with highly personalized service and impeccable hospitality. Its 161 stunning rooms, including 20 exceptional suites, are among the city's largest, with marbled bathrooms, separate walk-in showers and the Four Seasons' renowned beds. Allegro, the only Michelin-starred restaurant in the Czech Republic and Central Europe, offers a fine dining experience with the summer terrace affording magnificent views of Prague Castle.



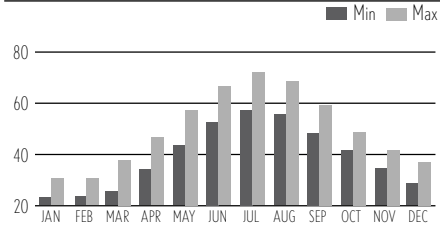
Russia, Scandinavia & the Baltic States

On the outskirts of traditional villages, rustic cottages bordered by picket fences and fronted by duck ponds dot the vast, fertile steppe. Farmers come into town — often by horse-drawn cart — to sell vegetables, meat and berries at outdoor markets, and just outside town, villagers herd their goats through the thicket. This is life in the Baltic area, where neighbors Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia remain steeped in tradition. Russia still clings to its historic culture but is gradually bringing back some of the opulence of the czarist era while meeting the demands of the 21st century. All, however, share an ambience that is touchingly honest and inviting.

Fast forward to Scandinavia's up-to-date lifestyle: crisp, sleek and modern, with English a common second language. What never changes are the spectacular landscapes of Norwegian *fjords*, lush Danish countryside and striking mountains in Sweden and Finland.

SWEDEN

Average daily temperature in F° – Stockholm



Average days with rainfall

16	14	10	11	11	13	13	14	14	15	16	17

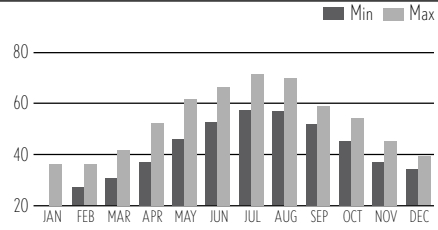
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another European country.

DENMARK

Average daily temperature in F° – Copenhagen



Average days with rainfall

17	13	12	13	11	13	14	14	15	16	16	17

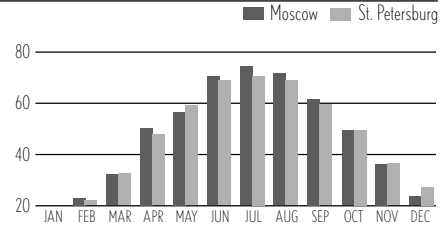
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 6 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another European country.

RUSSIA

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

18	15	15	13	13	12	15	14	13	15	15	23
21	17	14	12	13	12	13	14	17	18	18	22

TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 8 hours

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another European country.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Treasures of Russia

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

10 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Thursday | Limited to 24 passengers

The turrets and spires of Novodevichy Convent

& Listen as a guest lecturer in Moscow discusses contemporary issues in Russia • Sit down to a traditional lunch with folkloric entertainment at a country restaurant • Enjoy "fast track" access to the most popular sites and avoid long lines • Explore the elaborate palaces of Russia's aristocracy, including Catherine's Palace, Petrodvorets and the Yusupov Palace

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Moscow, Russia

Depart on an overnight flight to Moscow, where you are met and transferred to your luxurious hotel near Red Square. You may join an introductory walking tour this afternoon before meeting fellow travellers later over drinks and dinner. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow D*

DAY 3: Moscow

Experience the grandeur of Red Square, the focal point of the city and the heart of Russia. Continue to St. Basil's Cathedral, a colorful multi-domed complex built between 1555 and 1560. After lunch, visit the Tretyakov Gallery (the National Museum of Russian Fine Art), home to the world's greatest collection of Russian art. Dinner tonight is followed by entertainment. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow B L D*

DAY 4: Moscow

Take a ride on Moscow's famous Metro. Then peruse the Pushkin Museum with its collection of Impressionist paintings and art that dates from ancient to modern times. In the afternoon, stop at the historic Novodevichy Convent, one of the finest examples of 16th- and 17th-century architecture in the city. This evening, discover Russia's distinct cuisine on your own at a restaurant of your choice. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow B L*

DAY 5: Moscow

For centuries, the Kremlin has been witness to many famous and tragic events in Russia's past and is a treasure trove of Russian history. Wander through the Kremlin's State Armory collection of regalia from the Imperial Era and see the outstanding collection of gems and ornate jewelry in the Diamond Fund. Then stroll through the Square of Four Cathedrals. After lunch at a local restaurant, the afternoon is free to explore or relax, as you prefer. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow B L D*

DAY 6: Moscow/St. Petersburg

Fly to St. Petersburg and visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, containing the tombs of the *czars* of the Romanov Dynasty, and beautiful St. Isaac's Cathedral, whose gilded dome dominates the skyline. This evening dine à la carte in your choice of carefully selected restaurants. *Grand Hotel Europe B L D*

DAY 7: St. Petersburg/Pushkin/St. Petersburg
This morning drive to Pushkin. Approach the light blue and white exterior of Catherine's Palace and notice its gilded accents as you admire this opulent structure, resplendent with art and architectural features. Inside, find a virtual museum of art and architecture. Visit its beautifully restored Amber Room, once a complete chamber of amber panels backed by gold leaf and mirrors. Worried about looting during World War II, the curators tried to remove the valuable art and mask the panels with nondescript wallpaper. German soldiers were not fooled, and the room was disassembled in just 36 hours. What became of the treasures remains a mystery, although many believe that some survived the war. After lunch with entertainment, return to St. Petersburg for an afternoon at leisure. *Grand Hotel Europe B L D*

DAY 8: St. Petersburg/Petrodvorets/St. Petersburg
Drive to Petrodvorets to see the palatial estate of Peter the Great, with its elaborate fountain cascades, underground sea channels and opulent bronze statues. Travel back to St. Petersburg by hydrofoil on the River Neva with lunch on arrival. DESIGN YOUR DAY as you like from the options at the end of the itinerary. Meet this evening for your farewell dinner at the hotel.
Grand Hotel Europe B L D

DAY 9: St. Petersburg
Highlights today include the magnificent Hermitage Museum, housed in the lavish Baroque-style Winter Palace of the *czars*. Stroll through the courtyard or along the Neva River to admire the enormous green and white complex of buildings considered to contain one of the world's greatest collections of art. Some of the masterpieces which may be viewed are Michelangelo's *Madonna with a Flower*, Raphael's *The Holy Family* and Picasso's *Boy with a Dog*. View the extensive Impressionist collection. Then explore the opulent Yusupov Palace, one of the few aristocratic mansions still in existence in St. Petersburg. In its basement in 1916, Rasputin, a Siberian peasant who became the spiritual mentor and friend of Czar Nicholas II, was said to have been poisoned. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before this evening's farewell drinks reception. *Grand Hotel Europe B L*

DAY 10: St. Petersburg/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

DESIGN YOUR DAY — ST. PETERSBURG: Visit the ornate Church on Spilled Blood, built on the spot where Czar Alexander II was murdered in 1881, or take a trip to the State Museum of Political History, the only museum in St. Petersburg that documents the political upheavals that led to the fall of the czars and the Communist revolution.

A&K RECOMMENDS ...
Upgrade to a Deluxe room with views of Tverskaya Street, Ritz-Carlton Moscow — from $ 105 per person per night.

The bronze statues and cascades at Petrodvorets

PRICE PER PERSON				
Land arrangements		**Jul**	**Aug - Sep**	**Jun**
Double occupancy		$ 10,440	$ 10,945	$ 11,490
Single supplement		$ 2,530	$ 2,630	$ 3,140
Internal airfare	Moscow/St. Petersburg Economy class			from $ 290

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DEPARTURE DATES			
2009	Jun 02 - 11	Jul 14 - 23	Aug 18 - 27
	Jun 16 - 25	Jul 28 - Aug 06	Sep 29 - Oct 08
	Jun 23 - Jul 02		

Waterways of the Czars: Moscow to St. Petersburg

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

14 Days | Departs varied days of the week | Limited to 24 passengers

The Winter Palace (Hermitage) at night

& Cruise in luxury along the Volga-Baltic Waterway on board MS 'Volga Dream' • Admire the magnificent 190-carat Orlov diamond in the Kremlin's Diamond Fund • Make the most of your visit with "fast track" priority access to the most popular sights and palaces • Enjoy both lunch and folkloric entertainment at a country restaurant outside St. Petersburg

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Moscow, Russia
Board an overnight flight to Moscow. On arrival transfer to your hotel. Later, gather for a welcome dinner. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow D*

DAY 3: Moscow
Visit historic Red Square and envision the important events that have taken place in this center of Russian culture. See the colorful onion-shaped domes of St. Basil's Cathedral. Then continue to the Tretyakov Gallery, home of the world's greatest collection of Russian art and icons. *Ritz-Carlton Moscow B L D*

DAY 4: Moscow
View the Kremlin's famous Armory collection of Imperial Era regalia. In the Diamond Fund, see the diamond-encrusted coronation crown of Catherine the Great and the 190-carat Orlov diamond. Continue to the Square of Four Cathedrals before viewing the Impressionist paintings at the Pushkin Museum. Transfer to your luxurious riverboat for the captain's welcome reception and dinner. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 5: Uglich
Cruise through the countryside to 12th-century Uglich, one of the most beloved towns in Russia, known for its wooden houses and the blue cupolas of the Cathedral of the Resurrection.
MS 'Volga Dream' B L D

DAY 6: Plyos
The small town of Plyos on the Volga River was founded in 1409 as a fortress to protect nearby Kostroma from the Tartars. Today, it is famous for its serene scenic beauty. Renowned Russian landscape artist Isaac Levitan created many of his masterpieces here.
MS 'Volga Dream' B L D

DAY 7: Yaroslavl
Once a prosperous commercial center, Yaroslavl boasts an abundance of dazzling merchant homes, beautiful churches and a lovely riverfront. Visit the city's walled fortress, the 13th-century Spassky Monastery and Church of Elijah with its asymmetrical exterior and glorious frescoes. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 8: Volga River/Goritsy
At Goritsy explore beautiful Cyril-Belozerski Monastery, founded by Ivan the Terrible and once one of Russia's most prominent monasteries, to see its collection of icons. Admire the beautiful Russian landscape as you cruise past small towns and villages en route to your next destination. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 9: Kizhi Island
Cruise to Kizhi by way of Lake Onega. Visit tiny Kizhi Island, where 17th- and 18th-century wooden homes and churches create an open-air museum. See the 22 onion-shaped domes of the Church of the Transfiguration. According to popular legend, the church was built by only one man with a single tool — an axe.
MS 'Volga Dream' B L D

DAY 10: Mandrogi
Cruise through the peaceful countryside along the Svir River and stop in the village of Mandrogi, renowned for its old wooden houses and handicrafts. *MS 'Volga Dream' B L D*

DAY 11: St. Petersburg/Petrodvorets/St. Petersburg
Peterhof (Petrodvorets), the palace of Peter the Great, was designed to "befit the very highest of monarchs." Explore the massive estate, with its cascading fountains, bronze sculptures and sea channels. Return to St. Petersburg by hydrofoil with lunch on arrival. Stop at St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress. Dine à la carte at one of A&K's selected restaurants. *Grand Hotel Europe B L D*

DAY 12: St. Petersburg/Pushkin/St. Petersburg
Visit Catherine's Palace, with its gold and blue façade, snowy white columns and its famous Amber Room before lunch and folkloric entertainment. Return to St. Petersburg for a farewell dinner.
Grand Hotel Europe B L D

DAY 13: St. Petersburg
Spend the morning at the Hermitage Museum in the opulent Winter Palace and admire its great collection of art. After lunch, journey to the Yusupov Palace and the Church on Spilled Blood. This evening gather for a farewell cocktail. *Grand Hotel Europe B L*

DAY 14: St. Petersburg/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

Note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change, depending on weather and water conditions. Sightseeing is subject to change on individual departures, depending on museum opening times.

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Upgrade to a Deluxe room with views of Tverskaya Street, Ritz-Carlton Moscow — from $ 105 per person per night.

MS 'VOLGA DREAM'

Newly rebuilt MS 'Volga Dream' is the first luxurious floating hotel in Russia, accommodating just 111 passengers. The ship's spacious public areas include a lounge, on-deck bar, library, fitness center and sauna. Regional and international delicacies are served at a single seating in the elegant dining room. All accommodations are in air conditioned outside cabins equipped with flat screen TV, radio and safety deposit box.

MS 'Volga Dream' cruising the Moskva River

PRICE PER PERSON

Land/cruise arrangements	Deluxe Cabin	Superior Stateroom	Superior Jr. Suite	Owner's Suite
Jul 19 & Aug 03				
Double occupancy	$ 12,825	$ 13,145	$ 13,995	$ 16,250
Single supplement	$ 5,795	$ 6,100	$ 6,910	$ 9,055
Aug 17 & Sep 02				
Double occupancy	$ 12,995	$ 13,495	$ 14,365	$ 16,615
Single supplement	$ 5,860	$ 6,165	$ 6,975	$ 9,115

Fuel surcharges may apply.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Jul 19	- Aug 01	Aug 17	- 30	Sep 02	- 15
	Aug 03	- 16				

Scandinavia & A Baltic Cruise Including St. Petersburg

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

13 Days | Departs Tuesday, returns Sunday | Limited to 24 passengers

Stockholm's waterfront

& Cruise the Baltic Sea aboard MS 'Seven Seas Voyager' for seven glorious nights • Attend a concert arranged exclusively for A&K guests at a palace in St. Petersburg • Learn about the history of Denmark and its kings during a fascinating lecture by an invited guest speaker • Discover the opulence of the *czars* when you explore the renowned Hermitage Museum

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Copenhagen, Denmark
Depart by overnight flight to Copenhagen. On arrival, transfer by private vehicle to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, meet fellow travellers for drinks and a welcome dinner in the fairy tale atmosphere of Tivoli Gardens.
Hotel D'Angleterre D

DAY 3: Copenhagen/Frederiksborg/Copenhagen
Drive through the lovely countryside of North Zealand to Hillerød, where you visit Frederiksborg, a richly decorated royal castle steeped in the history of the Danish kings. Built in Renaissance style in the 17th century, the castle was devastated by a fire in 1859 and completely renovated with funds from the Carlsberg Foundation. After lunch, explore the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, as famous for its beautiful seaside location as it is for the pieces in its collection. In addition to traditional art forms, the museum features film, literature, music, applied art and architecture. Dine à la carte in your choice of selected restaurants. *Hotel D'Angleterre B L D*

DAY 4: Copenhagen
See the Amalienborg Palace, a royal residence since 1784, as well as the famous statue of the Little Mermaid. At Rosenborg Palace, the Renaissance palace of Christian IV, view the crown jewels in its spectacular museum. Then listen to a lecture by a guest speaker who discusses the history of Denmark and its kings. The afternoon is yours to spend as you please. Transfer to your ship for dinner on board as you set sail into the Baltic Sea.
MS 'Seven Seas Voyager' B L D

DAY 5: Visby, Sweden
On the Swedish island of Gotland in the Baltic Sea, explore the stone walls and towers of medieval Visby. It has a fascinating history and is a clean, pretty city with numerous parks, gardens and flowers. Since the end of the 19th century, the ruins of this medieval stone city have been protected as historical monuments, and Visby retains the best-preserved stone wall in northern Europe.
MS 'Seven Seas Voyager' B L D

DAY 6: Tallinn, Estonia

The ancient walled city of Tallinn, capital of Estonia, was divided in medieval times into the High City and the Low City. Wander along cobbled lanes to observe the maze of spires, turrets and medieval walls of the Russian and Presbyterian cathedrals and churches and see the period mansions of this former Hanseatic trading city. Later, attend a zither concert to hear a selection of Estonian folk music played on this traditional instrument. *MS 'Seven Seas Voyager' B L D*

DAYS 7–9: St. Petersburg, Russia

St. Petersburg is an elegant city on the banks of the Neva River. See St. Isaac's Cathedral's golden dome that dominates the city and visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, designed by Peter the Great. Formerly a political prison, its famous inmates included Trotsky, Gorky, Lenin's older brother and even Peter's own son. Observe the opulence of the Yusupov Palace, a marvel of 18th- and 19th-century architecture that lies on a quiet stretch of the Moika River. At the Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace, witness the priceless collection of Impressionist art that is unveiled as well as *objets d'art* that reflect the glory of Imperial Russia. Head into the countryside, where you explore the grounds of the golden-domed Baroque Catherine Palace and visit its recreated Amber Room. Catherine's husband Peter the Great, following a trip to Versailles in France, decided to build a palace to rival it. The result was Petrodvorets, and your day ends with a visit to this lavish complex of palaces, flowing cascades and sweeping gardens. *MS 'Seven Seas Voyager' B L D*

DAY 10: Helsinki, Finland

The ship stops in Helsinki, where the influence of its Russian neighbor is unmistakable. Visit Senate Square and the Uspenski Cathedral. After some time for shopping, return to your ship for dinner on board. *MS 'Seven Seas Voyager' B L D*

DAY 11: Stockholm, Sweden

Disembark in Stockholm and explore the "Venice of the North," with its quaint Old Town. Visit the almost 400-year-old Vasa warship that was discovered intact at the bottom of the sea, the Nobel Prize rooms in City Hall and Drottningholm Palace, home of the Swedish royal family. Tonight you are treated to a farewell dinner at the hotel's restaurant. *Grand Hôtel Stockholm B L D*

DAY 12: Stockholm

Enjoy a full day at leisure to shop or explore this delightful city on your own. This evening share farewell drinks at the hotel. *Grand Hôtel Stockholm B*

DAY 13: Stockholm/USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. *B*

Note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change, depending on weather and water conditions.

MS 'SEVEN SEAS VOYAGER'

The all-suite MS 'Seven Seas Voyager' is a truly luxurious vessel, designed with your ultimate comfort in mind. All suites are outside-facing, each with a balcony — ideal for *al fresco* dining or simply relaxing in privacy. The en suite bathroom has a full bathtub and separate shower.

The elegant MS 'Seven Seas Voyager' cruising the Baltic Sea

PRICE PER PERSON

Land/cruise arrangements	Cat F Cabin	Cat D Cabin	Cat B Cabin	Cat A Cabin
Double occupancy	$ 15,125	$ 15,480	$ 16,305	$ 16,670
Single supplement	$ 3,440	$ 3,580	$ 6,070	$ 6,330

Port taxes (per person) $ 260

Fuel surcharges may apply.

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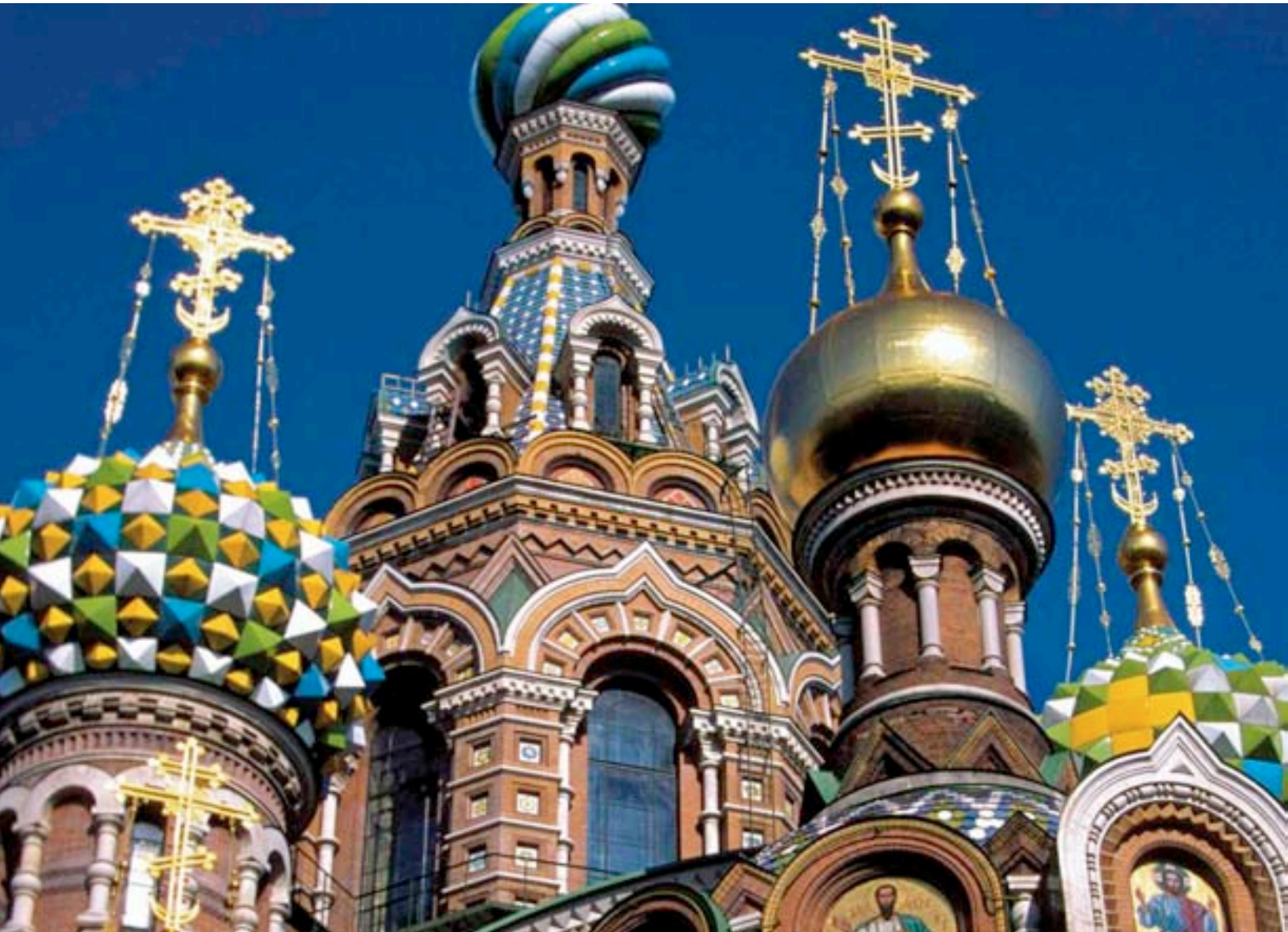
DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Jul 07 - 19	Jul 28 - Aug 09 «	Aug 11 - 23 «
	Jul 14 - 26 «	Aug 04 - 16	Aug 18 - 30
	Jul 21 - Aug 02		

« *Reverse itinerary Stockholm to Copenhagen*

Signature Russia

An Independent Itinerary



10 Days | Departs Friday, returns Sunday

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Moscow, Russia
Arrive in Moscow where you are provided "fast track" assistance through Customs and Passport Control.
Ritz-Carlton Moscow /Ararat Park Hyatt

DAY 3: Moscow
A full day of sightseeing includes Red Square, the center of Moscow's culture, and the colorful multi-domed St. Basil's Cathedral, Novodevichy Convent and Kuskovo Estate, the former summer residence of the Sheremetyev Counts.
Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt B

DAY 4: Moscow/Sergiev Possad /Moscow
Drive into the countryside to visit the Trinity Monastery of St. Sergius, an ancient center of the Russian Orthodox Church.
Ritz-Carlton Moscow/Ararat Park Hyatt B

DAY 5: Moscow/St. Petersburg
Visit two of the Kremlin's cathedrals as well as the State Armory, home to a collection of priceless artifacts that date back to the 14th century. It also houses the Diamond Fund, a separate collection of Russia's most valuable gems. This afternoon choose to visit the Tretyakov Gallery or the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts. Late checkout is guaranteed before your overnight train journey to St. Petersburg. *Grand Express Train B*

DAY 6: St. Petersburg
Arrive in St. Petersburg, founded by Peter the Great in 1703, for a morning at leisure. This afternoon visit the Hermitage Museum and its extensive collection of artwork, considered to be one of the finest in the world. *Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B*

DAY 7: St. Petersburg
A full day's sightseeing includes the Peter and Paul Fortress, designed to stave off enemy attacks on the city and later one of the most terrifying prisons in czarist Russia; St. Isaac's Cathedral with its gold dome and the Yusupov Palace, the location forever associated with the murder of the infamous Grigory Rasputin.
Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B

DAY 8: St. Petersburg/Petrodvorets/St. Petersburg
Travel to Petrodvorets, the great summer palace of Peter the Great. Its Grand Cascade — a sequence of sculptures, fountains and water jets — is one of the largest fountain ensembles in the world. This afternoon return to St. Petersburg and visit the Russian Museum.
Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B

DAY 9: St. Petersburg/Pushkin/St. Petersburg
Venture into the countryside to Pushkin and explore the sparkling Catherine Palace. Then, enjoy lunch in a country restaurant with traditional folk entertainment. This afternoon visit Pavlovsk Great Palace, a gift from Catherine the Great to her son Paul.
Grand Hotel Europe/Hotel Astoria B L

DAY 10: St. Petersburg/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

Note: Opening and closing times for sightseeing in Russia are subject to change on short notice. Therefore, some sightseeing may need to be rearranged or substituted.

Dolls for sale in front of St. Isaac's Cathedral

PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	GOLD	SILVER
Low season Apr 03, Apr 17, Jul 31 - Aug 14 , Oct 09 - 30 (GOLD); Jul 31 - Aug 21 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 13,905	$ 12,680
Single supplement	$ 3,450	$ 3,030
Mid season Apr 10, Apr 24 - May 08, Jul 17 - 24, Aug 21, Oct 02 (GOLD); May 01, Jul 17- 24 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 14,330	$ 13,895
Single supplement	$ 3,850	$ 3,325
High season May 15 - Jul 10, Aug 28 - Sep 25 (GOLD); Apr 03 - 24, May 08 - Jul 10, Aug 28 - Oct 30 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 15,180	$ 14,250
Single supplement	$ 4,630	$ 3,670

Solo traveller price is available upon request.
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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Apr 03 - 12	Jun 19 - 28	Aug 28 - Sep 06
	Apr 10 - 19	Jun 26 - Jul 05	Sep 04 - 13
	Apr 17 - 26	Jul 03 - 12	Sep 11 - 20
	Apr 24 - May 03	Jul 10 - 19	Sep 18 - 27
	May 01 - 10	Jul 17 - 26	Sep 25 - Oct 04
	May 08 - 17	Jul 24 - Aug 02	Oct 02 - 11
	May 15 - 24	Jul 31 - Aug 09	Oct 09 - 18
	May 22 - 31	Aug 07 - 16	Oct 16 - 25
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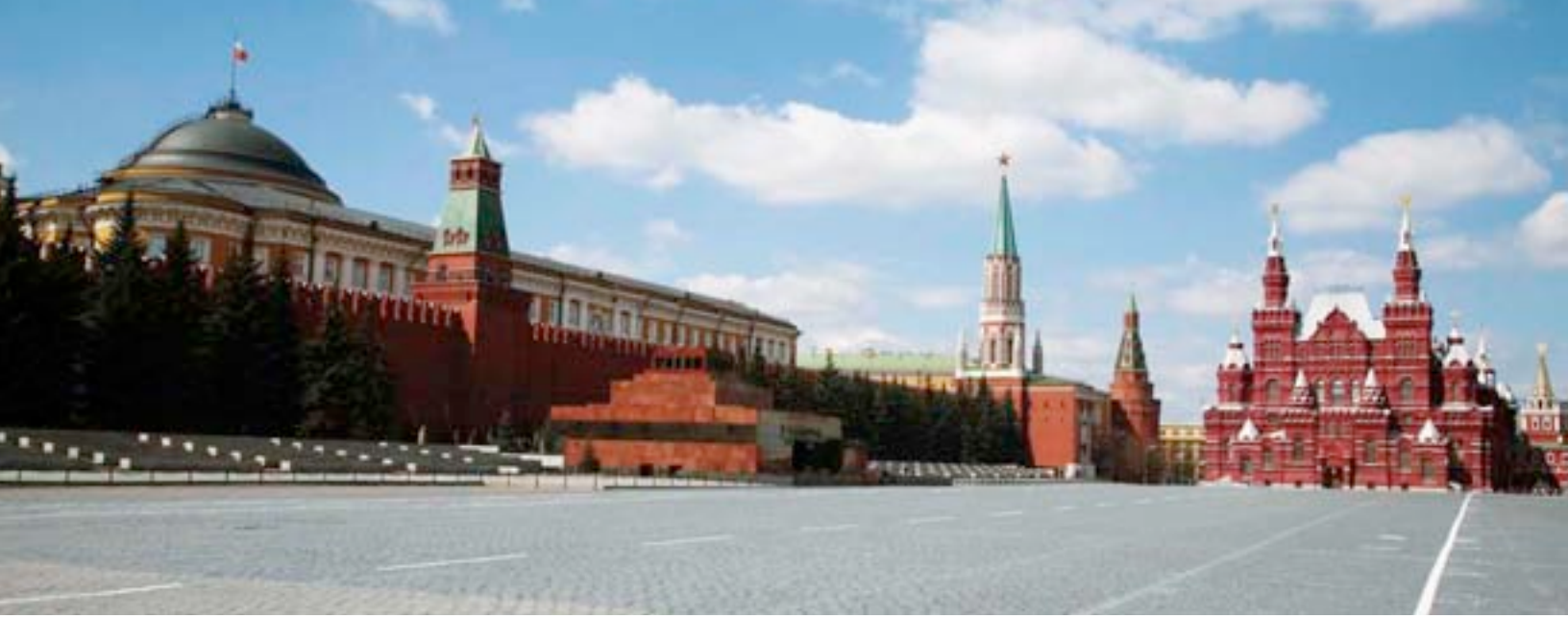
	Jun 12 - 21		



Tailor Made Russia & the Baltic States

Ideas for Independent Itineraries

The Kremlin, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Tallinn's Old Town

RUSSIA: MOSCOW & THE GOLDEN RING

Moscow • Rostov • Yaroslavl • Suzdal • Moscow

DAYS 1–2: You are met and given "fast track" assistance through customs and passport formalities, then transferred to the luxurious Ritz-Carlton Moscow. Begin your exploration of Moscow with a visit to Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral. The architects of this colorful multi-domed complex were supposedly blinded by Ivan the Terrible so that they could never recreate such splendor again. Visit the Kremlin, a treasure trove of Russian history, and its three cathedrals. See the dazzling collection of regalia from the Imperial Era at the State Armory and the glittering crown jewels and other gems in the State Diamond Fund.

DAY 3: There are no jewelry stores or gold mines in the region dubbed the "Golden Ring," but these old Russian towns nevertheless played a treasured role in nurturing the arts, intellectual enlightenment and statehood. Leave Moscow and travel by private car to Sergiev Possad to see the St. Sergius Lavra. Continue to Pereslavl Zalessky to visit the local Kremlin and the museum of Peter I's first boat. Check in to your hotel, the Moskovsky Trakt, in Rostov.

DAY 4: Your city tour of Rostov includes a visit to the local Kremlin. Continue to Yaroslavl and the Ring Premier Hotel. After lunch, stop at the Preobrazhensky Monastery and Church of St. Elijah.

DAYS 5–6: Travel to Kostroma for a private tour of the city's highlights, including the Ipatiev Monastery and the Romanovs' Chambers. Then drive to Suzdal and check in to your hotel, Pushkarskaya Sloboda. Visit the Kremlin, Cross Chamber, the Pokrov Convent and the Spasso-Evfimiev Monastery. After lunch at a local restaurant, drive to Vladimir to see its Golden Gate, Uspensky Cathedral and Dmitriesvky Cathedral. Return to Suzdal and sit down to dinner with a local family.

DAY 7: Before returning to Moscow, stop in Bogolyubovo to see the 12th-century Church Of Intersession by the Nerl River. Overnight once again at the Ritz-Carlton Moscow.

DAY 8: Transfer by private car to the airport.

THE BALTIC STATES

Vilnius • Riga • Tallinn

DAYS 1–2: Arrive in Vilnius and transfer to the Hotel Stikliai. Join your guide for a walking tour that highlights the architecture of the city, once the capital of an empire that spread from the Baltic to the Black Sea. Its old town is filled with Baroque buildings, cobbled streets and a Jewish quarter that has earned it the name of the "Jerusalem of Europe." Visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul, St. Anna's Church, the Gate of Dawn and Vilnius University. Travel to the medieval castle of Trakai, set on an island in Lake Galve.

DAYS 3–5: Drive across the country to the poignant Hill of Crosses, a mound of millions of Christian crosses that became a symbol of resistance against repression during the Communist Era. Continue to the glorious Palace of Rundale, created for one of Catherine the Great's lovers. Arrive in Riga, Latvia, and check in to the Grand Palace Hotel. Founded in 1201, Riga was one of the great ports of the powerful Hanseatic trading league. Admire the city's rich art nouveau-style buildings: St. Peter's Church, the Three Brothers and Riga Castle. Enjoy a backstage tour of the Riga Opera House before visiting Mentzendorff's House, decorated in the style of the 17th and 18th centuries. Then sample traditional pancakes and have a cup of herbal tea. Travel to the Gauja National Park to visit the 13th-century Turaida Castle and Sigulda Castle.

DAYS 6–8: Journey to Tallinn, Estonia's capital, and admire the quaint squares, churches and cobbled streets of the Old Town. Join a walking tour to Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Dome Church, Town Hall and the guild houses. Spend three nights at the Three Sisters Hotel. Travel to the country to visit the Kolga, Palmse and Sagadi manor houses. Explore Kadriorg Park, designed for Peter the Great and now the residence of the Estonian president. Continue to the Song Festival Grounds, where the national song festivals are held. Return to Old Town for a private torchlit tour of the Dominican monastery.

DAY 9: Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

Tailor Made Scandinavia

Ideas for Independent Itineraries

A tall ship in Bergen, Norway

SCANDINAVIA

Oslo • Bergen • Stockholm • Copenhagen

DAYS 1–3: Arrive in Oslo and transfer to the ideally located Hotel Continental for three nights. Stroll through the gardens of the Royal Palace and Akerhus Castle. A full day's journey includes the Munch Museum, containing works by one of Scandinavia's leading artists; the Vigeland Sculpture Park, where over 200 copper statues are displayed; the Viking Ship Museum and the Kon-Tiki Museum.
DAYS 4–6: Travel by train to Bergen for three nights at the stylish First Hotel Marin. Wander through the colorful Fish Market, the 13th-century Bergen Fortress and Bryggens Museum. Take in the beautiful scenery as you cruise along the Sognefjord and take the renowned Flåm Railway to Myrdal. During your short rail journey, climb 2,850 feet up a steep mountain gorge to enjoy spectacular panoramic views.
DAYS 7–9: Fly to Stockholm for three nights at the elegant Grand Hôtel. A full day of exploring includes Gamla Stan (the Old Town). Also visit the Blue Hall, the Royal Palace and the National Museum. Travel to the island of Djurgarden to see the nearly 400-year-old Vasa warship, discovered intact at the bottom of the harbor. Then wander through the Skansen Open-Air Museum, a full replica of an average 19th-century town. Watch as craftsmen (tanners, shoemakers, silversmiths, bakers and glass-blowers) wearing traditional dress demonstrate these old-world skills. A half-day journey takes you across the archipelago to Drottningholm Palace, which is home to the Swedish royal family.
DAYS 10–12: Fly to Copenhagen for three nights at the Hotel d'Angleterre. Sightseeing includes Amalienborg Palace, Rosenborg Palace, Tivoli, the famous Little Mermaid and Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek. You have a full day to explore the picturesque Danish countryside of North Zealand, where you visit the Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Kronborg Castle and Frederiksborg Castle.
DAY 13: Transfer to the airport.

Relaxing in Iceland's Blue Lagoon

ICELAND

Reykjavik • Geyser • Skogafoss Falls • Thorsmork

DAY 1: You are met at the airport and transferred to the Blue Lagoon, a natural geothermal spa surrounded by a lava field and black sandy beaches where you can pause for a swim in the warm water. Afterward, transfer to the Hotel Borg.
DAY 2: Venture out into the countryside to Thingvellir, the site of the original Althing, considered the oldest democratic parliament in the world. Noted for its spectacular lava formations, the area is the only place in the world to see the tectonic plates drift apart. Then see Geyser, which gave its name to all other erupting hot springs, and observe the active Strokkur geyser that spouts up to 90 feet in the air. Conclude the day with a stop at the Gullfoss waterfall.
DAY 3: After a city tour of Reykjavik, visit Skogafoss waterfalls. If time permits, explore the turf-covered buildings of the Skogar Museum for a glimpse of life in Iceland in past times.
DAY 4: Tour the highlands, which includes off-road driving in a Super-Jeep in Landmannalauger geothermal area. The landscape has no vegetation, only brightly colored sand and mountains, giving the surroundings a moon-like ambience. This afternoon swim in a natural pool and hike over the lava.
DAY 5: Stop to see the beautiful cascades at Seljalandsfoss Waterfall. Continue to Thorsmork, an enclave surrounded on three sides by spectacular glaciers and only accessible by 4x4 vehicle. Also known as "Thor's Woods," this nature reserve has a multitude of small gullies and valleys, clad with low birch-trees that create seemingly endless possibilities for the nature lover. Observe some of the 170 plants, moss and lichen species in this lush area. Watch as outlet glaciers tumble and crawl down into the gullies, some of them ending in spectacular glacial lagoons.
DAY 6: Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

Hotel Portfolio:
Russia

ARARAT PARK HYATT MOSCOW
Moscow

Located in the very heart of the city, the Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow is within the immediate vicinity of the Bolshoi Theater and only a few minutes' walk from the Kremlin, Red Square, the Parliament house and the central business district. It is a timeless, world-class residential-style hotel designed for the discerning traveller who seeks privacy, personalized service and outstanding quality.

HOTEL ASTORIA
St. Petersburg

The Rocco Forte Collection's Hotel Astoria is ideally located in the center of St. Petersburg overlooking the landmark St. Isaac's Cathedral and within easy walking distance of the world famous Hermitage Museum and Mariinsky Theater. Originally opened in 1912, Hotel Astoria today combines traditional character with elegant modern design. Guest rooms and suites are accented in a graceful blend of Russian antiques and contemporary pieces, complemented by modern technological amenities.

THE RITZ-CARLTON MOSCOW
Moscow

Located just off Red Square in the heart of the cultural center of Russia's capital, The Ritz-Carlton Moscow features some of the largest guest rooms and suites in the city. Rooms offer cutting edge technological amenities, including electronic finger tip panels for controlling lighting and curtains, complimentary high-speed Internet access, and multi-line, cordless telephones with voicemail. Exquisite dining options include a fine restaurant helmed by a three Michelin-star chef and a rooftop bar and terrace with magnificent views of the Kremlin and Red Square. The luxurious spa features 14 treatment rooms, including two couple treatment rooms and relaxing saunas. The multi-lingual staff members are available to cater to guests' every desire.

GRAND HOTEL EUROPE
St. Petersburg

Indulge in the luxury of the 19th-century landmark Grand Hotel Europe, located on Nevsky Prospekt and surrounded by some of the world's greatest cultural treasures, including the Russian Museum and Mussorgsky Theater. Offering a superb collection of historical ambience and modern facilities, the hotel has just renovated 200 of its 300 rooms and suites. Gastronomic traditions are lavishly brought to life at the hotel's six restaurants. At center stage is the Caviar Bar, offering an extensive selection of caviar served with ice-cold vodka — the true taste of Russia. The Planet Health Club and Beauty Room is equipped with cardiovascular exercise machines, a sauna, plunge pool, tanning and massage rooms, a full-service hair salon and a full range of spa beauty treatments. Additional services include a BMW limousine fleet, private boat catering, butler service and a chocolate factory.

Turkey & Greece

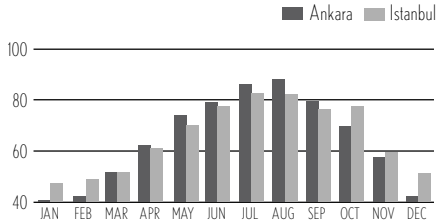
As the literal land bridge between East and West, Asia and Europe, Turkey was the center of the Ottoman Empire that ruled half the civilized world. With roots going as far back as 8000 BC, Turkey is a treasure trove of the ages — a country filled with ornate temples, ancient ruins and spectacular Byzantine architecture.

In Greece, legend says that Apollo created the Pythian Games, the forerunners of the Olympics, in remembrance of his heroic feats. The remains of his sanctuary at Delphi stand today. Homer declared the city of Mycenae to be "rich in gold." Once thought to exist only in legend, the remains were discovered with the help of Homer's *Iliad*.

Turkey and Greece boast a wealth of natural as well as cultural beauty, along with a welcoming Mediterranean climate that is a perfect backdrop for pleasure seekers.

TURKEY

Average daily maximum temperature in F°



Average days with rainfall

8	8	7	7	7	5	2	1	3	5	6	9
18	14	14	9	8	6	4	9	7	11	14	18

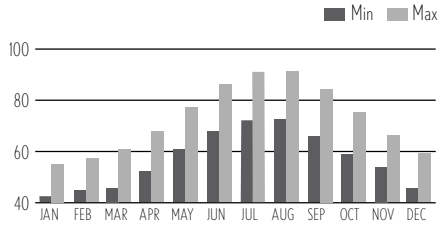
TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 7 hours

VISAS: Visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another European country.

GREECE

Average daily temperature in F° – Athens



Average days with rainfall

16	11	11	9	8	4	2	3	4	8	12	15

TIME DIFFERENCE: EST plus 7 hours

VISAS: No visa required for U.S. passport holders.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: No vaccinations are required when you travel directly from North America or another European country.

Health and visa requirements are subject to change.

Turkey: A Journey Through History

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

13 Days | Departs Saturday, returns Thursday | Limited to 24 passengers

Istanbul's Topkapi Palace

& Explore in quiet when the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and the Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum in Istanbul open their doors just for you • Have lunch at the home of a local family in Cappadocia • Witness a vibrant Whirling Dervishes demonstration arranged for you • Dine privately amid the ruins of Ephesus while a quintet from the Izmir Symphony Orchestra entertains

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Istanbul, Turkey

Depart on an overnight flight to Istanbul, where you are met and transferred to your waterside hotel. Istanbul's rich history and culture combine with modern-day bustle to create a cosmopolitan metropolis that offers something for every interest. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers for welcome cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus*

DAY 3: Istanbul

Istanbul's unique geographic setting was the primary reason for founding Constantinople here. Explore the Hagia Sophia, one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture, during a private opening. Emperor Justinian I built the sixth-century Basilica Cistern to expand one previously built by Constantine the Great. Continue to the Hippodrome, which during Roman times held horse races, gladiator contests, inaugurations and parades. Privately visit the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts, set in the Ibrahim Pasa Palace, containing an extraordinary collection. Following a Turkish lunch, take a refreshing stroll in the Pera District, the present-day heart of Istanbul. Later this afternoon, embark on a private cruise along the Bosphorus, a strategic waterway which links the Black Sea and the Sea of Marmara. Tonight's welcome dinner is at a local restaurant.

Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus B L D

DAY 4: Istanbul/Cappadocia

Centuries of volcanic activity and erosion have left Cappadocia with a unique landscape of soft, porous stone called tufa. Fly to Kayseri and transfer to Göreme to see the valleys of tufa filled with "fairy chimneys" that were transformed into cave dwellings, monasteries, chapels and underground villages by expert carvers. Explore the rock-cut churches with their dazzling medieval wall decorations at Göreme Open Air Museum, a large monastic complex of many refectory monasteries placed side by side, each with its

own fantastic church. Then privately visit the Dark Church, with stunning frescoes that depict the life of Christ— the colors still retaining their original freshness. Dinner this evening is at your hotel. *Anatolian Houses B L D*

DAY 5: Cappadocia

Take an optional hot-air balloon ride (at extra cost) over the unusual pocked landscape. The region is also known for the "underground" city of Kaymakli, one of the unique cellar villages. Several levels were built underground as stables, cellars, mills and galleries. Visit this mysterious place and then meet a local family, who invite you to dine with them in their home. The Turks of Cappadocia have always made the most of the natural elements of the region, including the clay from the beds of the Red River. Drive to Avanos and visit a potter's workshop, where you see some of these clay creations. Dinner this evening is at a local restaurant commanding spectacular views of the valleys.
Anatolian Houses B L D

DAY 6: Cappadocia/Konya

Follow the ancient Silk Road and cross the Central Anatolian Plateau to visit the 13th-century *caravansaray* (inn) at Agzikarahan. Continue to Konya, the ancient capital of the Secuk Kingdom, ancestors of a line of Turkish empires that included the Ottomans. After lunch visit the Mosque of Alaaddin Kaykoubat and the 13th-century Mevlana Memorial and Museum. Mevlana was a poet and founder of the Whirling Dervishes, a mystic order of Islam whose members whirl in an ecstatic dance. Witness a private performance of the *Sema* by the Whirling Dervishes at your hotel, an astounding display of choreography executed with split-second timing. *Konya Rixos B L D*

Cappadocia's fairy chimneys

The Ortakoy Mosque

DAY 7: Konya/Aspendos/Perge/Belek

Travel across the Konya Plain through the pine-forested Taurus Mountains and along the coast to ancient Aspendos, home to a well-preserved antique theater. Continue to Perge, an ancient city founded by the Hittites. During the Hellenistic period it was home to many sculptors and artisans. Continue to Belek for dinner at your hotel. *Kempinski Hotel The Dome B L D*

DAY 8: Belek/Antalya/Phaselis/Belek

This morning drive to Antalya to explore the Antalya Museum's archaeological and ethnographical exhibits, displayed in chronological order from the Stone Age. Continue to the ancient seaport of Phaselis. Founded by Greeks during the seventh century BC, its three harbors made it an important center for commerce between Greece, Asia, Egypt and Phoenicia. The city fell first to the Persians and then to Alexander the Great. Later, pirates used Phaselis as a base to roam the Mediterranean Sea. After lunch, you have the balance of the afternoon at leisure to relax and enjoy the amenities at your hotel. *Kempinski Hotel The Dome B L*

DAY 9: Belek/Aphrodisias/Kuşadasi

Cross the Taurus Mountains to Aphrodisias, one of the world's most complete and extraordinary excavations of a classical lost site. Dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of love, it flourished under Roman and Byzantine rule, but in the 13th century it was abandoned and buried by a series of earthquakes. What has been unearthed includes the stadium with more than 30,000 seats, the Temple of Aphrodite and Baths of Hadrian. After a country lunch, continue through the Meander Valley to the port city of Kuşadasi, set on the turquoise waters of the Aegean Sea. *KoruMar Hotel De Luxe B L*

DAY 10: Kuşadasi/Ephesus/Kuşadasi

Ionia, the region around Ephesus, was the powerhouse of ancient

science and philosophy, and Ionian communities pioneered Western thought, favoring rational observation over myth and dogma. Explore ancient Ephesus that lies at the foot of Mount Pion. Unmatched as an archaeological site, the sheer size and grandeur of the ruins make this the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. Visit the site of the Temple of Diana, considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Continue to the theater, Library of Celsus, the Public Baths, Arcadian Way and the Marble Street. You have the opportunity to privately visit the breathtaking Terrace Houses. After lunch, meet with the rug-weavers association at Camlik Village to learn about this fine Turkish tradition and art passed down for generations. Dine privately under the stars within the splendid ruins of Ephesus, accompanied by a quintet from the Izmir Symphony Orchestra. This unforgettable evening is arranged exclusively by Abercrombie & Kent. *KoruMar Hotel De Luxe B L D*

DAY 11: Kuşadasi/Izmir/Istanbul

Fly back to Istanbul. Because the city was so important, each ruling empire did its best to fortify it. Theodosius II was the first, and he constructed the impressive City Walls that went up just in time to turn back Attila the Hun. Topkapi Palace, the center of Ottoman government and now a vast museum, opens its doors just for you to explore its great halls and breathtaking grounds. It was from here that the Turks ruled most of Europe and the Middle East. In 1468 Mehmet Fatih began building this summer palace where the Golden Horn meets the Bosphorus. Successive sultans created additions to Topkapi, with many of the existing buildings dating from the 18th century. Suleyman the Magnificent was the first sultan to move here permanently and later sultans simply were captives in residence, isolated from the world. Check in to your hotel located in the heart of the Old Town. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet B L*

DAY 12: Istanbul

This morning, visit the 19th-century Dolmabahçe Palace, a fine example of Ottoman Baroque architecture that was built for and by the Sultan Abdul Mecit in the mid-19th century when European nationalism was growing and Muslim rulers adopted more European styles. As you explore the city, notice how the later palaces and art are more like that of the rest of Europe. The Ottoman Empire reached its zenith in the 16th century, their Golden Age. The greatest architect of the 16th century was Sinan, acclaimed by Frank Lloyd Wright as the "master builder of all time." Explore his dignified Suleymaniye Mosque, symbolizing the glory of the reign of Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent, who sought to create a rival to Justinian's famed Hagia Sophia. Its design also mirrors the Dome on the Rock, constructed on the former site of the Temple of Solomon. The massive complex dominates Istanbul's skyline, and its imposing dome is the center point. Continue to the Rustem Pasha Mosque, also the work of Sinan, known for its outstanding Iznik tiles. Wander among the stalls of the Spice Bazaar and the 3,500-stall Grand Covered Bazaar, where you have lunch in a shopkeeper's restaurant. Join fellow travellers for farewell cocktails at your hotel this evening. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet B L*

DAY 13: Istanbul/USA or Canada

This morning transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. *B*

Spell-binding Whirling Dervishes

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land arrangements		
Double occupancy		$ 10,995
Single supplement		$ 3,670
Internal airfare	Istanbul/Kayseri; Izmir/Istanbul	
	Economy class	from $ 335

Please check with A&K for our special international airfares.

DEPARTURE DATES				
2009	May 09 - 21	Sep 05 - 17	Oct 10 - 22	
	May 16 - 28			

Cruising Ancient Shores: Athens to Istanbul

CONNOISSEURS SERIES

12 Days | Departs Tuesday or Wednesday, returns Saturday or Sunday | Limited to 24 passengers

The vibrant hues of Santorini's architecture

& Cruise along ancient shores on the MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' for seven nights, accompanied throughout by your A & K Tour Director • Attend an informative lecture on ancient Greek civilization • Visit the Camlik Village Weavers Association for a demonstration and an opportunity to sample local wine and olive oil • Take a private sunset boat ride on the Bosphorus

DAYS 1-2: Depart USA/Athens, Greece
Board an overnight flight to Athens, a city rich in myth and legend and amazing history. On arrival, transfer to your elegant hotel before tonight's welcome dinner. *Hotel Grande Bretagne D*

DAY 3: Athens/Delphi/Athens
Drive through rugged mountain scenery along the shores of the Gulf of Corinth, arriving at the sacred religious center of Delphi. Visit the great Temple of Apollo, home of the famous oracle; the sturdy Temple of the Athenians and the extensive Ancient Theater. In the Archaeological Museum see the Charioteer of Delphi, one of the most beautiful Greek statues from the fifth century BC. Return to Athens where dinner this evening is at leisure.
Hotel Grande Bretagne B L

DAY 4: Athens/Piraeus
This morning a guest lecturer provides a fascinating introduction to the ancient civilization of Greece. Then depart for the stunning Acropolis, adorned with the mighty Parthenon. Continue for a visit to the National Archaeological Museum of Athens, to see its collection of stunning artifacts from Neolithic times, Greek civilization and Roman art. Then step aboard 'Seven Seas Navigator' to begin your luxury seven-night cruise. Dinner is served on board as you set sail. *MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' B L D*

DAY 5: Nafplion
This morning depart for the nearby archaeological site of Epidaurus, to admire the magnificent fourth-century theater whose elegance, perfection of design and harmonious proportions made it the most famous in the Ancient World. Today the theater is beautifully preserved and retains the astonishing acoustics that enabled the actors to be heard without difficulty by all of the 14,000 spectators. Lunch is served on board and the afternoon is at leisure to relax or explore the charming old town of Nafplion. Located on a rocky peninsula projecting into the calm waters of the Argolic Gulf, Nafplion is a mixture of ancient Greek and Venetian influences.
MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' B L D

DAY 6: Santorini

Disembark and cross the island to Prophet Llias, offering panoramic vistas. As you drive through picturesque villages, enjoy dramatic views of the sea and land. Continue to Oia for a short walking tour that showcases the region's typical architecture. You have leisure time to visit artists' workshops or stop at a coffee shop overlooking the volcano. Pause for a wine tasting before driving back to the ship. *MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' B L D*

DAY 7: Kuşadasi, Turkey/Ephesus/Kuşadasi

Transfer from the port to Selçuk village to visit Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. Pass olive groves, cotton fields and apricot orchards to the town of Tire to visit its famous market place. Next, visit Camlik Village Weavers Association for a demonstration and an opportunity to taste some local wines and olive oil. Return to your ship at the pier in Kuşadasi. *MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' B L D*

DAY 8: Rhodes

Enjoy a city tour of Rhodes that takes you to the Palace of the Grandmaster, the 13th-century Church of St. Mary, the ramparts and the Archaeological Museum. The balance of the day is at leisure. *MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' B L D*

DAY 9: Mykonos

A public boat takes you to the sacred uninhabited island of Delos, housing the Temples of Apollo, second in importance only to the shrine at Delphi. See the unique marble lions that overlook the Sacred Lake (now dry). *MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' B L D*

DAY 10: Istanbul, Turkey

Explore the Hagia Sophia (the Church of Divine Wisdom), one of the most extraordinary buildings in the history of architecture. Visit the Suleymaniye Mosque that symbolizes the Ottoman glory of the reign of Sultan Suleyman the Magnificent. Embark on a private sunset boat ride on the Bosphorus before returning to the ship for the evening. *MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' B L D*

The stately MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' in the Aegean Sea

DAY 11: Istanbul

Your first stop today is the sixth-century Basilica Cistern. Continue to Topkapi Palace, which was the center for the Ottoman government and court. Visit the dazzling Grand Covered Bazaar and stop for lunch in a shopkeeper's restaurant. In the late afternoon explore the Pera district, the present-day heart of Istanbul. Go atop the Galata Tower for 360-degree views of this astonishingly beautiful city. Later, gather for a farewell dinner at one of the city's fine restaurants. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus B L D*

DAY 12: Istanbul / USA or Canada

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. *B*

MS 'SEVEN SEAS NAVIGATOR'

In the tradition of Regent Seven Seas Cruises, MS 'Seven Seas Navigator' is destined for distinction. Occupying the uppermost niche in cruising, she offers her 490 guests unparalleled luxury, with all-suite, all-ocean view accommodations, signature cuisine and superbly attentive staff.

PRICE PER PERSON

Land/cruise arrangements	Cat F	Cat D	Cat B	Cat A
Oct	Cabin	Cabin	Cabin	Cabin
Double occupancy	$ 11,365	$ 11,825	$ 12,325	$ 12,560
Single supplement	$ 3,070	$ 3,245	$ 5,125	$ 5,290
Sep				
Double occupancy	$ 11,425	$ 11,975	$ 12,620	$ 12,895
Single supplement	$ 3,210	$ 3,415	$ 5,550	$ 5,745
Jun - Aug				
Double occupancy	$ 11,735	$ 12,285	$ 12,995	$ 13,335
Single supplement	$ 3,210	$ 3,415	$ 5,770	$ 5,965

Port taxes (per person) $ 220

Fuel surcharges may apply.

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DEPARTURE DATES

2009	Jun 10 - 21°	Aug 11 - 22	Oct 20 - 31°
	Jul 14 - 25	Sep 08 - 19	

° Itinerary includes Bodrum instead of Nafplion.

Signature Turkey

An Independent Itinerary

11 Days | Departs Friday, returns Monday

DAYS 1–2: USA or Canada/Istanbul, Turkey
Depart on an overnight flight to Istanbul, where you are met and privately transferred to your hotel overlooking the Bosphorus. Spend the rest of the day as you like. *Ritz-Carlton Istanbul*

DAY 3: Istanbul
Explore the masterpieces of Byzantine and Ottoman architecture: the sixth-century Basilica Cistern and the timeless Hagia Sophia, one of the greatest surviving examples of Byzantine architecture. Visit Topkapi Palace, a resplendent complex that is the former seat of the Ottoman government. Explore the Pera District, the present-day heart of Istanbul. Go atop the ancient Galata Tower for 360-degree views of this beautiful city. *Ritz-Carlton Istanbul B*

DAY 4: Istanbul/Cappadocia
Fly to Cappadocia to see the rock-carved churches at Göreme. The unique landscape of this area was created by volcanic, geological and erosive activity. Here amid the soft type of rock called tufa, one of the most ancient and influential monastic movements took root in the fourth century. Retire to your boutique hotel, renovated from authentic Cappadocian housing. *Anatolian Houses B*

DAY 5: Cappadocia
This morning you may choose an optional hot-air balloon excursion (cost not included) over Cappadocia. Then, explore the underground village of Kaymakli. After lunch, visit the potters of Avanos, who have practiced their craft for more than 4,000 years. *Anatolian Houses B L*

DAY 6: Cappadocia/Izmir/Ephesus/Kuşadasi
Fly to Izmir and view the remains of the great Ionian city of Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. *KoruMar Hotel De Luxe B*

DAY 7: Kuşadasi/Bodrum
Explore the ruins of Priene, the massive Temple of Apollo at Didyma and the temple at Euromos en route to Bodrum. *The Marmara Bodrum B*

DAY 8: Bodrum
Discover Bodrum's fascinating Museum of Underwater Archaeology, housed in a former castle and containing many artifacts salvaged from the surrounding waters. *The Marmara Bodrum B*

DAY 9: Bodrum/Istanbul
Fly to Istanbul and view the city walls before transferring to your hotel located in the heart of the Old Town. This afternoon visit the Grand Covered Bazaar. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet B*

DAY 10: Istanbul
The Ottoman Empire reached its zenith in the 16th century. Explore the Suleymaniye Mosque, a symbol of the Golden Age created by the great architect Sinan. Visit Dolmabaçe Palace, the largest and finest example of Ottoman Baroque architecture in the city. Conclude your journey with a private afternoon cruise on the Bosphorus. *Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet B*

DAY 11: Istanbul/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport to board your homebound flight. *B*

Bodrum's scenic harbor

PRICE PER PERSON

Land arrangements	GOLD	SILVER
Double occupancy	$ 9,615	$ 8,995
Single supplement	$ 3,435	$ 2,850

Internal airfare	Istanbul/Kayseri; Kayseri/Izmir; Bodrum/Istanbul Economy class	from $ 630

Solo traveller price is available upon request.
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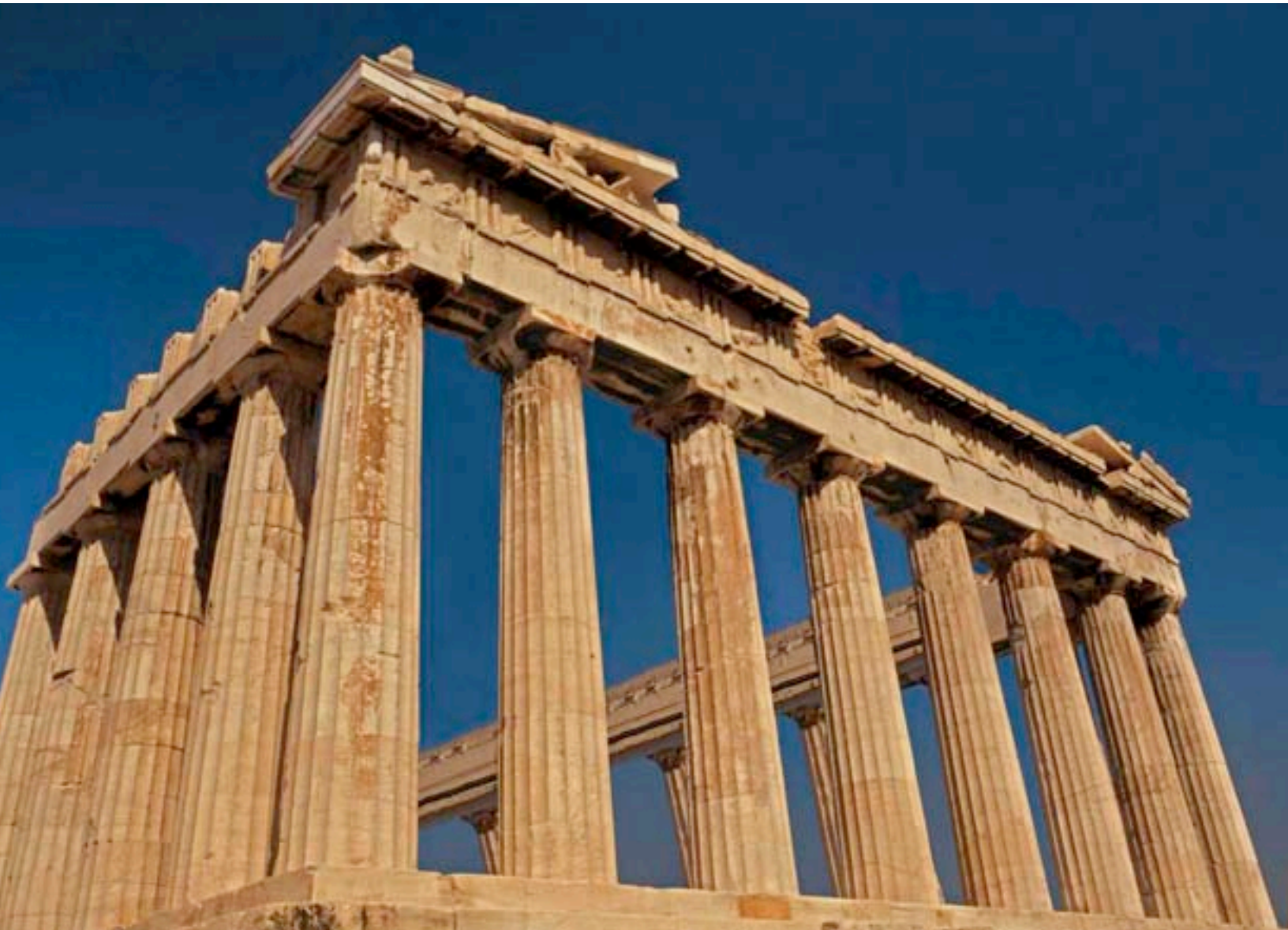
DEPARTURE DATES

2009			
Apr 03 - 13	May 15 - 25	Sep 25 - Oct 05
Apr 17 - 27	May 29 - Jun 08	Oct 16 - 26
May 01 - 11	Sep 04 - 14	

Signature Greece

An Independent Itinerary



9 Days | Departs Sunday, returns Monday

DAYS 1-2: USA or Canada/Athens, Greece
Depart on an overnight flight to Athens and on arrival transfer to your hotel. *Hotel Grande Bretagne/Hilton Athens*

DAY 3: Athens
Visit the principal monuments and sites of the city, including Athens Stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and the Theater of Dionyssos. See the Agora, the hub of the city from the sixth century BC. Then walk through the picturesque Plaka before arriving at the Acropolis, the complex of monuments that most symbolizes Athens. Admire the Parthenon, one of the most important ancient monuments in the Western world. *Hotel Grande Bretagne/Hilton Athens B*

DAY 4: Athens/Cape Sounion/Athens
Spend time exploring the renowned National Archaeological Museum, with its formidable collection of sculpture, pottery and jewelry from one of the world's preeminent ancient civilizations. After lunch, journey along the coast to Cape Sounion and the ruined Temple of Poseidon. *Hotel Grande Bretagne/Hilton Athens B*

DAY 5: Athens/Delphi/Athens
Delphi was home to Apollo, and its position between the Phaedriades cliffs and Mount Ayios makes it one of the most enchanting sites in Greece. Here you observe the major ruins that include Athena's Sanctuary, the Pentelic marble Round Building and Apollo's Temple. Return to Athens via Ossios Loukas to admire the architecture and mosaics of the monastery, which is still inhabited to this day. *Hotel Grande Bretagne/Hilton Athens B*

DAY 6: Athens/Crete
Fly to Crete and embark on a tour of the city. Visit the Archaeological Museum and the Palace of Knossos which belonged to King Minos and was the center of the Minoan civilization. *Elounda Beach Hotel/Elounda Bay Palace B*

DAY 7: Crete
Explore the eastern part of the island: the village of Kritsa, renowned for its traditional weaving, and the famous church of Panagia Kera with its beautiful frescoes. Enjoy the Cretan countryside as you head toward Ierpetra's Archaeological Museum. Arrive in Siteia, where you may wish to climb up to the Venetian Fort for spectacular views across the bay. Continue along the coast to Toplou to see the 14th-century fortified monastery that contains 61 scenic icons. *Elounda Beach Hotel/Elounda Bay Palace B*

DAY 8: Crete
The day is at leisure to enjoy the facilities at your hotel. *Elounda Beach Hotel/Elounda Bay Palace B*

DAY 9: Crete/USA or Canada
Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. *B*

A&K RECOMMENDS...

Fly to the beautiful island of Santorini to extend your stay for three nights (see page 135 for details).

The guards at Syntagma Square performing their duties

PRICE PER PERSON		
Land arrangements	**GOLD**	**SILVER**
Low season Apr 26 - May 31, Sep 27 - Oct 25 (GOLD/SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 11,395	$ 9,065
Single supplement	$ 3,050	$ 1,735
Mid season Jun 07 - 21, Sep 06 - 20 (GOLD); Jun 07 - 21, Sep 13 - 20 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 12,110	$ 9,310
Single occupancy	$ 3,445	$ 1,870
High season Jun 28 - Aug 30 (GOLD); Jun 28 - Sep 06 (SILVER)		
Double occupancy	$ 13,240	$ 9,775
Single occupancy	$ 4,010	$ 2,070
Internal airfare Athens/Heraklion Economy class		from $ 340

Solo traveller price is available upon request.
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DEPARTURE DATES			
2009	Apr 26 - May 04	Jun 28 - Jul 06	Aug 30 - Sep 07
	May 03 - 11	Jul 05 - 13	Sep 06 - 14
	May 10 - 18	Jul 12 - 20	Sep 13 - 21
	May 17 - 25	Jul 19 - 27	Sep 20 - 28
	May 24 - Jun 01	Jul 26 - Aug 03	Sep 27 - Oct 05
	May 31 - Jun 08	Aug 02 - 10	Oct 04 - 12
	Jun 07 - 15	Aug 09 - 17	Oct 11 - 19
	Jun 14 - 22	Aug 16 - 24	Oct 18 - 26
	Jun 21 - 29	Aug 23 - 31	Oct 25 - Nov 02

Tailor Made Turkey & Greece

Ideas for Independent Itineraries

The ancient theater at Bodrum

TURKEY: THE TURQUOISE COAST & MORE

Istanbul • Antalya • Kalkan • Goçek • Bodrum • Istanbul

DAY 1: Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to the prestigious Four Seasons Hotel at the Bosphorus for the evening.

DAYS 2–3: Fly to Antalya, then visit Aspendos, home to what is considered the best-preserved antique theater. Continue along the Turkish Riviera to the Kempinski Hotel The Dome, Belek, where you spend two nights. Explore the ancient site of Perge and the Antalya Museum, one of Turkey's best regional museums.

DAY 4: Travel along the Lycian Coast to Myra, known for its rock-carved cliffside tombs. Journey by boat to Kekova Island and the site of ancient Simena. Visit the charming fishing village of Kaleköy; then continue to your hotel in Kalkan.

DAY 5: Explore Xanthos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Patara, a major naval and trading port of Lycia. Continue to the picturesque fishing village of Goçek.

DAYS 6–8: Travel to Dalyan on the Koycegiz River and take a boat to explore ancient Caunos and to see the great sea turtles at beautiful Iztuzu Beach. Stop in ancient Stratonikea; then check in to the exquisite Kempinski Resort at Barbaros Bay. In Bodrum, see the ruined tomb of King Mausolos, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and visit the Underwater Archaeology Museum.

DAYS 9–11: Drive to Ephesus, the best-preserved classical city in the eastern Mediterranean. Observe the magnificent façade of the Celsus Library and visit the former site of the Temple of Artemis, another of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Then fly from Izmir to Istanbul. During your stay visit the timeless Hagia Sophia (Church of Divine Wisdom), the sixth-century Basilica Cistern, Topkapi Palace, the Suleymaniye Mosque, the Rustem Pasha Mosque, the Spice Bazaar and the Grand Covered Bazaar. Relax as you privately cruise the Bosphorus.

DAY 12: Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

The Acropolis and the Parthenon

GREECE

Athens • Nafplion • Kyllini • Delphi • Meteora • Thessaloniki

DAYS 1–2: Arrive in Athens and transfer to the luxurious Grande Bretagne. Explore the Acropolis and the renowned National Archaeological Museum, one of the richest and most important museums in the world with an extensive collection of sculpture, pottery and jewelry. Wander through the picturesque ancient Plaka district.

DAYS 3–4: Journey to the Corinth Canal, hewn out of the rock and just wide enough for ships to pass. Drive to Mycenae and visit the Lion Gate and the "beehive" funerary chambers of the Royal Tombs. Stroll through the streets of the charming old town of Nafplion, with its mixture of ancient Greek and Venetian influences. Then drive to the nearby archaeological site of Epidaurus.

DAYS 5–6: Drive toward coastal Kyllini. Stop to see the Temple of Apollo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in Bassae. Explore Olympia, bringing to life the excitement of the ancient games when you view the remains of the enormous Temples of Zeus, the Palaestra training center and the stadium.

DAY 7: Pass olive groves and citrus plantations and continue across the sweeping bridge that connects the Peloponnese to the mainland. Your mountain retreat awaits at Santa Marina Arachova.

DAY 8: In Delphi, explore the great Temple of Apollo, the Temple of the Athenians, the ancient theater and the archaeological museum. Continue to Kalambaka.

DAY 9: Explore Meteora's Byzantine monasteries and spend the night at the Dion Palace, located at the foot of Mount Olympus.

DAYS 10–11: Visit Dion and Vergina, the ancient capital of Macedonia to see the Royal Tombs. Then continue to Pella and Thessaloniki and explore the highlights of the city.

DAY 12: Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

Hotel Portfolio:
Turkey

KEMPINSKI HOTEL BARBAROS BAY
Bodrum

Overlooking the gorgeous Aegean Sea with a panoramic cliff–top view, Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay is a luxury resort hotel offering upscale amenities, a variety of activities and a spectacular spa. The hotel offers 148 rooms and 25 suites of the highest international standards, with LCD TVs, noiseless ceiling fans, electronic safes and complimentary wireless Internet. There is a blue-flagged designated sandy beach with private cabanas to enjoy afternoon massages, a large infinity pool, a private marina that offers yacht excursions and a variety of holistic therapies at Six Senses Spa. For your convenience, the hotel offers professional child care services at the Kids' Club and an extensive library for your reading pleasure.

THE RITZ-CARLTON ISTANBUL
Istanbul

The Ritz-Carlton Istanbul stands in the center of the city, epitomizing its welcoming spirit and the harmonic convergence between East and West, past and present. Bathed in Ottoman-inspired splendor that pays homage to the rich historical traditions of Turkey, the hotel features 244 well-appointed guest rooms, including 23 suites and 57 Ritz-Carlton Club level rooms. The exceptional restaurant and bars offer delectable experiences, while the Lavada Spa features a pool, Jacuzzi, *hammam*, fitness center and nine treatment rooms.

ANATOLIAN HOUSES
Göreme, Cappadocia

Shaped by nature and the civilizations of Cappadocia, these ancient houses have been renovated into 19 unique suites, using natural stone and clear glass. Antiques, elegant furniture, handmade wool and silk carpets are used in the décor throughout the property. A fireplace, central heating system and natural air conditioning keep guests comfortable. Beautiful bathrooms have handmade pot washbasins and hydro-massage systems or Jacuzzis. Facilities include a spa and wellness center, Turkish bath, sauna and heated swimming pools.

SWISSÔTEL GRAND EFES
Izmir

Swissôtel Grand Efes overlooks the spectacular Kordon on Turkey's Aegean Sea. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, it has 402 luxurious rooms, including 55 elegantly decorated suites. As the first spa honored with a Leading Spas of the World membership in Turkey, Amrita Spa & Wellness features an indoor and outdoor pool, gym, treatment rooms, ice room, steam room, Turkish *hammam* and an outdoor tennis court.

KORUMAR HOTEL DE LUXE
Kuşadasi

The KoruMar Hotel De Luxe commands a beautiful sea view and presents a combination of style, high-standard accommodation and a wide range of modern facilities for unforgettable holidays. The hotel offers a variety of restaurants and bars, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, Turkish bath, solarium, sauna, massage, Jacuzzi, fitness center, Spa Larissa beauty center, tennis, private beach and water sports.

Hotel Portfolio:
Greece & Crete

HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE
Athens, Greece

In the very center of Athens, dominating Constitution Square, stands the Hotel Grande Bretagne, one of Europe's most prestigious hotels. An ambitious refurbishment program was successfully executed, resulting in state-of-the-art facilities, 321 rooms and suites (including a Royal and Presidential suite), indoor heated and roof-top open-air swimming pools, a luxurious spa and three restaurants, including one rooftop restaurant with spectacular city views. Butler service for suites and an array of unique amenities are available.

SANTA MARINA ARACHOVA
Arachova, Greece

Santa Marina Arachova, a contemporary boutique hotel, is a welcome retreat for mountain lovers wishing to experience the pleasures of ski and snow or the charming delights of summer. The archaeological sites of Delphi, enchanting seaside and mountain villages are only a short distance away. The hotel's breathtaking mountain views, friendly yet meticulous service, well-appointed accommodations, appealing restaurant, lively bars and a cozy lounge promise guests a time to relax and rejuvenate.

NAFPLIA PALACE HOTEL & VILLAS
Nafplion, Greece

The Nafplia Palace is famous for its location in the middle of an ancient acropolis in the Old Town of Nafplion, providing views of the Bay of Argolis and the 18th-century walls of the Palamidi fortress. Surrounded by the treasures of ancient Greece, the Nafplia Palace offers 33 unique and individually redecorated villas, 16 with private heated pools or outdoor Jacuzzis. For rejuvenating face and body treatments, visit the hotel spa, operated by Europe's famous Institut Dominique Chenot. The beautiful Arvantia beach is a short stroll away.

ELOUNDA GULF VILLAS & SUITES
Elounda, Crete

Offering breathtaking views over the Mediterranean, the exclusive family-owned and -run Elounda Gulf Villas & Suites offers just 18 luxurious villas, all with private pools and Jacuzzis, and 10 elegant suites. It is a unique combination of superb accommodation, tailor-made services, exceptional cuisine and spa treatments. The property is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World and winner of Greece's "Leading Villa Award."

SANTA MARINA RESORT & VILLAS
Mykonos, Greece

Santa Marina Resort & Villas epitomizes the standards set by Starwood's Luxury Collection of fine resorts worldwide, from personalized service to luxurious accommodations, outstanding facilities, gourmet cuisine and native architecture. Set on a private peninsula overlooking the sparkling Aegean Sea and magnificent Bay of Ornos, experience this luxurious retreat — a home away from home. Be pampered with the finest spa treatments, relax on the private beach or take a refreshing dip in an infinity pool.

BLUE PALACE RESORT & SPA
Elounda, Crete

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Europe Extensions

Extend your experience with these add-on itineraries — or modify them to tailor make your own itinerary

PARIS

The "City of Light" is waiting to be discovered.

DAY 1: Paris

On arrival in Paris, the balance of the day is at leisure.

Hotel Scribe Paris

DAY 2: Paris/Versailles/Paris

Join your guide to explore Versailles' Hall of Mirrors and the State Apartments of "Sun King" Louis XIV's grandiose palace; then return to Paris where the rest of the day is at leisure.

Hotel Scribe Paris B

DAY 3: Paris

Head to the Louvre to view its outstanding collection of art. Formerly a royal residence, the Louvre now hosts some of the world's most famous and distinguished art treasures, among them the *Venus de Milo*, Ghirlandaio's *The Visitation* and Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. Also iconic is the main entrance, which is now covered by a large glass, steel rod and cable pyramid designed by the American architect I.M. Pei. Lunch and the rest of the day are at leisure.

Hotel Scribe Paris B

DAY 4: Depart Paris

After breakfast, depart Paris or continue on your journey. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON	
Based on double occupancy	from $ 2,995

ROME

Explore some of the architecture from the Roman Empire.

DAY 1: Rome

On arrival in Rome, you are met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure.

St. Regis Grand Hotel

DAY 2: Rome

Discover the splendors of Rome's ancient civilization with visits to the Colosseum, Forum and Pantheon. This afternoon explore the 17th-century Galleria Borghese, set in the beautiful surroundings of the Villa Borghese Park, to see works by Titian, Caravaggio and Raphael.

St. Regis Grand Hotel B

DAY 3: Rome

This morning transfer to Vatican City for a visit to the magnificent Vatican Museums, which house the celebrated Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's famous frescoes and other priceless artistic treasures. The afternoon is at leisure.

St. Regis Grand Hotel B

DAY 4: Depart Rome

After breakfast, depart Rome or continue on your journey. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON	
Based on double occupancy	from $ 4,930

AMALFI COAST

Enjoy this picture-perfect part of Italy.

DAY 1: Rome/Naples/Positano
Transfer to Pompeii, where the remains of a once-thriving town buried by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 offer an intimate view of everyday life in the Roman Empire. After your visit, continue to your hotel located in picturesque Positano. *Covo dei Saraceni*

DAY 2: The Amalfi Coast
This morning travel by boat (subject to weather conditions) along the stunning coastline to Amalfi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to visit the cathedral. Continue to Ravello for a stop at Villa Rufolo, the inspiration for the stage design of Richard Wagner's opera *Parsifal*. Return to your hotel for a relaxing afternoon in this sunny Italian paradise.
Covo dei Saraceni B

DAY 3: Positano
Enjoy a day at leisure to explore this coastal town, relax by the pool or perhaps take an excursion to the beautiful island of Capri. *Covo dei Saraceni B*

DAY 4: Positano/Naples
Transfer to Naples Airport. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy — from $ 3,740

BARCELONA

Art, architecture and fabulous cuisine await in Barcelona.

DAY 1: Barcelona
On arrival in Barcelona, you are met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure.
Hotel Arts Barcelona/Gran Hotel Havana

DAY 2: Barcelona
Start the day with a mouth-watering visit to the unforgettable Boquería market, the most amazing display of food in all of Europe. Then see the city's cathedral and explore the narrow medieval streets of the Gothic Quarter. Later, visit the Picasso Museum, with the remainder of the day at leisure.
Hotel Arts Barcelona/Gran Hotel Havana B

DAY 3: Barcelona
Visit 19th-century Barcelona with its art nouveau architecture. Marvel at the architect Gaudí's two most famous works: La Sagrada Familia Basilica and the Parc Güell, with its amazing combination of gardens, architecture and mosaics.
Hotel Arts Barcelona/Gran Hotel Havana B

DAY 4: Depart Barcelona
After breakfast, transfer to the airport. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy — from $ 2,445

Europe Extensions

Extend your experience with these add-on itineraries — or modify them to tailor make your own itinerary.

PORTUGAL

Discover Portugal, a cultural crossroads for centuries.

DAYS 1-2: Lisbon
Arrive in Lisbon and transfer to your hotel. Visit St. George's Castle, the Moorish Alfama quarter, the 18th-century Baixa quarter and Commerce Square. Then see the Jeronimos Monastery, Belém Tower, Coach Museum and the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum. *Lapa Palace/Bairro Alto B*

DAY 3: Lisbon/Cascais/Sintra/Lisbon
Travel to Cascais and Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Later, return to Lisbon. *Lapa Palace/Bairro Alto B*

DAY 4: Lisbon/Obidos/Alcobaça/Batalha/Oporto
Stop at Obidos, a delightful ancient citadel. Continue to Alcobaça to visit the 11th-century Romanesque Cistertian monastery. *Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa B*

DAY 5: Oporto
Sightseeing includes the Cleric's Tower, the Romanesque cathedral, the Stock Exchange, the gilded church of San Francisco and the riverside district. Then sample port at a wine lodge. *Sheraton Porto Hotel & Spa B*

DAY 6: Depart Oporto
After breakfast, transfer to the airport. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy — from $ 4,845

PRAGUE

Steeped in charm, Prague is Europe's hospitable core.

DAY 1: Prague
On arrival in Prague you are met and transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Four Seasons Hotel Prague*

DAY 2: Prague
This morning explore Prague's charming Old Town. See the Town Hall, dating from 1338, and its Astronomical Clock. In the Jewish Quarter visit the Jewish Museum, housing the largest collection of Judaica in Europe; the Old-New Synagogue and the Old Jewish Cemetery. The afternoon is at leisure. *Four Seasons Hotel Prague B*

DAY 3: Prague
Explore Prague Castle's complex, including St. Vitus Cathedral, one of the finest and most richly endowed in central Europe; the Strahov Monastery and ornate library and the Loreto Shrine, an important place of pilgrimage. This afternoon visit the Renaissance Nelahozeves Castle, once a residence of powerful nobility that now houses a collection of fine art including pieces by Rubens and Velázquez. *Four Seasons Hotel Prague B*

DAY 4: Depart Prague
After breakfast, transfer to the airport. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy — from $ 3,775

ROMANIA

See the colorful Painted Monasteries of southern Bucovina.

DAY 1: Suceava/Bucovina

On arrival in Suceava, transfer to your hotel.
Best Western Bucovina

DAY 2: Bucovina/Painted Monasteries/Bucovina

Today visit the three most glorious 15th-century Painted Monasteries of southern Bucovina: Humor, Sucevita and Dragomirna. A UNESCO World Heritage treasure, the Painted Monasteries are among Europe's greatest cultural highlights. Later, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.
Best Western Bucovina B

DAY 3: Bucovina/Moldavita/Bucovina

This morning continue with your journey through history, driving to Putna Monastery, where Stephen the Great is buried, and stop at the rural village of Marginea. After lunch at a local farm house in Moldavita, continue with a visit to a local monastery. Return to your hotel, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. *Best Western Bucovina B L*

DAY 4: Bucovina/Suceava

After breakfast, transfer to Suceava Airport. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy — from $ 2,895

SANTORINI

Relax and enjoy Greece's most spectacular island.

DAY 1: Santorini

Santorini is an island rich in both scenic beauty and extraordinary history. Transfer privately to your hotel and prepare for tomorrow's exploration. *Perivolas/Vedema Resort*

DAY 2: Santorini

Enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of the island with your private vehicle and local guide. In capital city Fira, visit a museum housing life-size copies of all the frescoes found in the prehistoric site of Akrotiri (the site of Akrotiri itself is currently closed to the public), where you may look across the island from the edge of the caldera. Then continue to picturesque Oia. The afternoon is at leisure.
Perivolas/Vedema Resort B

DAY 3: Santorini

Your day is at leisure to relax and enjoy the facilities of your resort hotel, or explore on your own. *Perivolas/Vedema Resort B*

DAY 4: Depart Santorini

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight. *B*

PRICE PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy — from $ 2,525

European Villas

There's no better way to spend a week or two with your family and friends than at a charming European villa, handpicked by A&K. All of the services and amenities you need are there to make it an enjoyable, carefree and memorable experience.

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Canal & River Cruising in Europe

EUROPE AT LEISURE

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ALL-INCLUSIVE RELAXATION

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HOTEL AND CHARTER DEPARTURES

If you're travelling solo or as a couple, like to meet new people and enter into the camaraderie of travel, a hotel departure is best for you. Shared experiences and good conversation over gourmet meals create a perfect setting for the development of new friendships. Many of our travellers make lifelong friends while relaxing on a leisurely barge cruise.

If you're planning a holiday with family or a group of friends, you may prefer a charter departure. Here, all cabins on board are reserved for the exclusive use of your party, and sightseeing stops and activities can often be tailored to your specifications.

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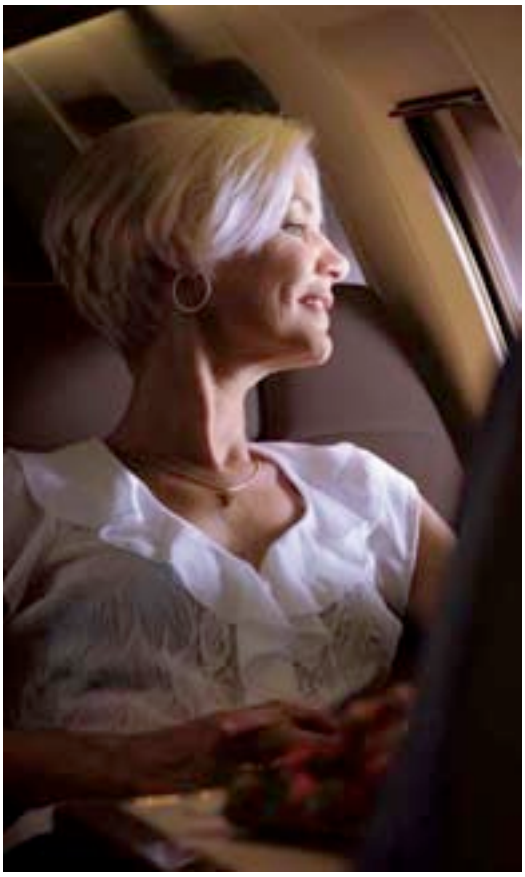

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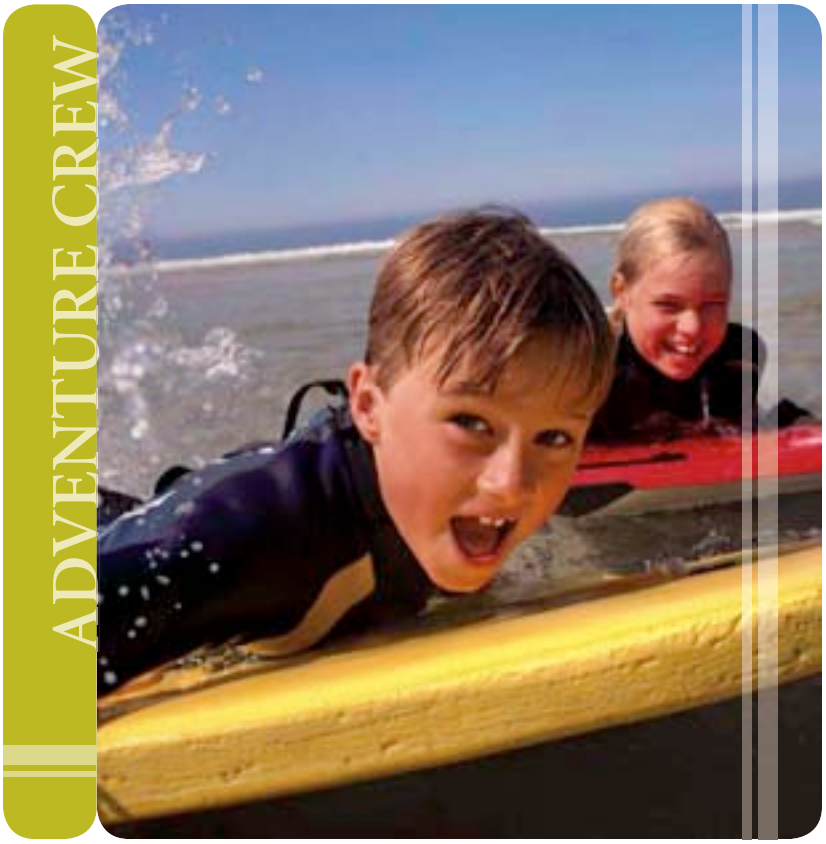
Adventure Crew



For young travellers, the world awaits

Ignite the spark of adventure in a young traveller with a free membership in Abercrombie & Kent's Adventure Crew. Every child age 14 and under booked on an A&K journey is automatically enrolled in the club, and the fun begins as soon as you make your reservation.

FUN AND GAMES – AND LEARNING

Your children receive a DVD introducing them to travel with Abercrombie & Kent, including the many fun and enriching activities designed particularly for young travellers. The Adventure Crew web site is the next stop, an online community featuring games, destination profiles and a chance to discover how children in other countries live and play.

THE RIGHT GEAR FOR THE YOUNG TRAVELLER

While online, children can take a personality quiz that helps them determine what kind of traveller they are. Do they prefer exploring uncharted territories, riding the waves on a surfboard or helping to preserve wild animals and their habitat? Whatever their preference, the Adventure Crew has a Club kit to suit them: a backpack full of gear tailored to the adventurer, the athlete or the conservationist, including a camera, travel journal and deck of cards.

BACK HOME, THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES

Once they're home from their adventure, children can share their experiences with other Adventure Crew members and submit their vacation photos to a contest held especially for our young guests — there are plenty of cool prizes to win, and they might even see their photo in an Abercrombie & Kent brochure.

Learn more about the Club at its web site, akadventurecrew.com.

The Passenger Travel Protection Plan

One more reason to travel with A&K

Abercrombie & Kent knows the value of planning for every travel contingency. Circumstances can force you to cancel your trip at the last minute, return home early or seek emergency medical treatment overseas. That's why we've developed our unique Passenger Travel Protection Plan in conjunction with America's number one travel insurance provider, AIG Travelguard.

The plan is easy to purchase, with no questions to answer or forms to fill out. The option to buy is included on your departure invoice; simply pay the amount shown and you are enrolled automatically.

Passenger Travel Protection is designed to give you coverage in all the areas you need*:

- Pre-existing medical conditions included in your trip cancellation or interruption coverage
- Medical coverage for illness or injury sustained while abroad. Make A&K coverage your primary insurance for a mere $35 upgrade and receive the full benefit of A&K's generous traveller protection
- Baggage loss, theft, delay or damage protection tailored to the needs of A&K clientele is available for a $20 upgrade
- Toll-free 24/7 assistance with medical, dental or legal emergencies, lost travel documents, emergency cash transfers and more

Enjoy the world with greater peace of mind — with Abercrombie & Kent's passenger travel protection plan.

*This is a brief outline of coverage. Restrictions apply. For complete coverage information, please refer to the Description of Coverage. This insurance, under Policy T30253NUFIC, is underwritten by AIG, 70 Pine Street, New York, New York 10270.

Terms & Conditions

INCLUDED IN ESCORTED PROGRAMS: Prices are valid to December 2009 (2010 pricing details will be subject to final confirmation), and include all accommodations as noted in the itinerary; meals as specified; arrival and departure transfers (regardless of arrival and departure days); fully-guided sightseeing as noted in the itinerary (including park and entrance fees); bottled water supplied during sightseeing; selected beverages with group meals; services of an A&K Tour Director* (please see condition noted below); handling of two pieces of baggage per person for international flights (other conditions/restrictions may apply for internal routes; please refer to Baggage section); hotel taxes; gratuities throughout, except to your Tour Director, and ship's crew. (†Please see separate section on Gratuities for more details.)

***PLEASE NOTE: ON GROUP PROGRAMS:** If a minimum number of passengers is not reached, A&K may provide local guides in each location, in place of an A&K Tour Director. Services may also be modified to accommodate a smaller group.

ON EXTENSION PROGRAMS: All extensions are locally guided.

†GRATUITIES ON ESCORTED PROGRAMS: Gratuities are included for hotel/restaurant staff, porterage and local guides/drivers. Gratuities are not included for the A&K Tour Director or for ship's crew, where applicable, which are at the traveller's discretion and should be based on the level of satisfaction with the service received. Recommended guidelines for each area visited are provided in A&K's pre-tour documentation.

NOT INCLUDED IN ESCORTED PROGRAM PRICES: Passenger Travel Protection Plan; international and internal airfares, unless otherwise noted; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes, unless otherwise noted; excess baggage charges; gratuities to the A&K Tour Director on Escorted Programs or ship's crew as outlined in the Gratuities on Escorted Programs section; meals other than specified in the itinerary; beverages other than noted in your "Pre-Tour Documentation," sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability).

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES: All departures are guaranteed, with some dates being subject to a minimum number of passengers to operate; (excepting only cases of force majeure, which could include any major world event that adversely affects international travel patterns and other circumstances beyond A&K's control). Should the minimum number of passengers not be met, A&K will offer one of the following options: modify the services of the original tour to accommodate a smaller group or offer an alternative tour. Should no alternative be suitable, A&K will offer a full refund of all monies received.

ITINERARIES: Accommodations (hotel or vessel) and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond A&K's control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. A&K also reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it, to make such alterations to the itinerary or the tour inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Specific requests such as adjacent or connecting rooms, bedding requests, smoking or non-smoking rooms and special dietary needs should be advised at time of booking. Please note that every effort will be made to secure your special requests; however, they cannot be guaranteed.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS: Quoted program prices include planning, handling and operational charges, and are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of June 2008. A&K reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes received after prices are published, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. A&K is under no obligation to give breakdown costs involved in any Escorted or Tailor Made program. Modification of tour content to accommodate a smaller group size will not affect published tour price.

IMMEDIATE CHECK-IN: On programs where immediate check-in has not been included in the program price, A&K does request that hotels do their utmost to facilitate this service; however, it is not guaranteed. Most hotels allow check-in to take place during the mid-afternoon. Should you wish to have your room ready for immediate check-in upon arrival, A&K can arrange this for an additional charge. Please ask for details and prices.

EARLY ARRIVAL: A&K recommends that you arrive a day or two before the start of your tour to allow time to relax and refresh after your journey and to prepare for the start of your program. A&K has negotiated special overnight rates at many hotels contained within this brochure. Please ask for details at time of booking. Departing early from the U.S. is also recommended in the winter months, due to possible flight disruptions and cancellations caused by inclement weather conditions.

JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN: These departures include sightseeing and activities highlighting women's issues and interests. Contact Abercrombie & Kent or your travel professional for itinerary and pricing details.

ACTIVE ELEMENTS: On specified programs some active elements have been incorporated into the itinerary. To enjoy the program as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required. A&K will require notice if any participant has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or to other members of the selected program. A&K reserves the right to decline to accept anyone that it considers unsuitable due to fitness level. A&K also reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the participant's own expense, anyone whose condition is such that it could create a hazard to himself or herself or others, or otherwise impact the enjoyment of other passengers on the trip. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ANY CLARIFICATION ABOUT A SPECIFIC PROGRAM PLEASE ASK FOR DETAILS AT TIME OF BOOKING.

BAGGAGE: Tour prices include the handling of two pieces of baggage per person. Weight restrictions on some routes on internal air flights may apply; details will be provided with preliminary tour documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at owner's risk throughout the travel program. Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions applicable to your international flights.

A&K'S PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: Our specially designed travel protection plan, which provides cancellation coverage, medical coverage and protection against lost or damaged luggage, is not included in the tour price and it is strongly recommended. Please see page 145 for more details.

CHILD POLICY: On non-family programs, unless otherwise indicated on the individual tour page, a minimum age of 10 years is required. On family programs, unless indicated on the individual tour page, there is no minimum age requirement. However, some activities contained within a tour may have a different age restriction than the overall minimum age requirement. Details will be provided at the time of booking. Please Note: A&K reserves the right to marginally exceed the published maximum group size on family programs to accommodate a family.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: Valid passports are required for travel to the destinations in this brochure. Check with your travel agent or A&K for the latest visa requirements. Please note that non-U.S. passport holders are responsible for obtaining the required documentation applicable for entry. Please note also that passports must be valid for six (6) months after the return of your journey and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigrations stamps. A&K cannot be held responsible should you be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements. A copy of your valid passport must be submitted to A&K in order to confirm air reservations.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE: For all programs in this brochure (EXCEPT SIGNATURE SCOTLAND, WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS, SCANDINAVIA & A BALTIC CRUISE AND CRUISING ANCIENT SHORES), a deposit of $1,250 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 90 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of the request in order to secure confirmation.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE: For Signature Scotland, Waterways of the Czars, Scandinavia & A Baltic Cruise and Cruising Ancient Shores, a deposit of $1,500 per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 120 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of confirmation.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: For all programs (EXCEPT SIGNATURE SCOTLAND, WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS, SCANDINAVIA & A BALTIC CRUISE AND CRUISING ANCIENT SHORES), cancellations received by A&K 90 days or more prior to departure will be subject to a $500 per person/per tour cancellation fee; 89-60 days, will be subject to 20% of the program price; 59 - 30 days will be 50% of program price and 29 days or less will be subject to 100% of program price.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: For Signature Scotland, Waterways of the Czars, Scandinavia & A Baltic Cruise and Cruising Ancient Shores, cancellations received by A&K 120 days or more prior to departure will be subject to a $750 per person cancellation fee per tour program; 119 - 90 days, 20% of the program price, 89 - 30 days 50% of the program price; and 29 days or less, 100% of the program price.

CANCELLATION CHARGES FOR EXTRA SERVICES: Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with A&K programs are subject to the following: Cancellations received 31 or more days prior to the service will be refunded in full; cancellations received 30-15 days in advance will be charged 50% of the price; cancellations received less than 15 days in advance will be charged 100% of the price.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International airfares are not included in tour cost. Abercrombie & Kent, Inc., has special agreements with many carriers and can offer quotations from any gateway. Please ask your tour consultant about our special fares. All international and internal air quotes are subject to change and can carry penalties and surcharges, until final payment has been received by A&K. Flight confirmation is based on availability. PLEASE NOTE THAT CERTAIN AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO A SERVICE FEE. Air reservations will not be confirmed until A&K receives a passport copy.

Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. These programs may use the services of any IATA carrier. International air carriers are subject to international air conventions limiting their liability. The limitations of liability are contained on the reverse side of the airline ticket or e-ticket receipt, or on the carrier's web site, and form part of the terms and conditions of this package. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these travel programs and/or passage.

CLAIMS AND REFUNDS: Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our LIMITS ON ABERCROMBIE & KENT'S RESPONSIBILITY clause on this page. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program and be accompanied by supporting documentation and/or a statement from the local destination company verifying the claim. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. A&K will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your travel program. All claims for days missed while travelling should be made in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program.

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING TRAVEL: Abercrombie & Kent reserves the right to take photographs during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes. By booking a program with A&K, program members agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs. Program members who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to their Tour Director at the beginning of their program.

A&K TAILOR MADE TRAVEL PROGRAMS: Terms and Conditions for the A&K Tailor Made Travel programs and Tailor Made Portfolio hotels may vary from those shown above. Please ask for details.

†GRATUITIES ON INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS (SIGNATURE AND TAILOR MADE). Gratuities are not included in the program price and are at the discretion of the traveller. Recommended guidelines for each area visited are provided in A&K's pre-tour documentation.

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TRAVEL ADVISORIES AND WARNINGS: It is the responsibility of The Traveller to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U. S. State Department's travel website at www.travel.state.gov/ or by phone at 1-888-407- 4747. In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should The Traveller still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, The Traveller assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

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TRAVELLER'S REPRESENTATIONS: The Traveller represents that neither he nor she nor anyone travelling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or herself or other members of the tour. A&K reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a trip. A&K reserves the right to remove from the trip, at his or her sole expense, anyone whose condition is such that he or she could create a hazard to himself or others, or otherwise impact the enjoyment of other passengers on the trip.

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UNITED STATES TOUR OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

Abercrombie & Kent, Inc., as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post $1 Million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travellers Assistance Program, the advance payments of Abercrombie & Kent, Inc. customers in the unlikely event of Abercrombie & Kent, Inc.'s bankruptcy, insolvency or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the $1 Million posted by Abercrombie & Kent, Inc. may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by Abercrombie & Kent, Inc. Complete details of the USTOA Travellers Assistance Program may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2014, New York, NY 10016, or by email to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their Web site at www.USTOA.com.

ASTA TOP TOUR OPERATOR PROGRAM

Abercrombie & Kent, Inc. is also a member of the American Society of Travel Agents TOP Program, open only to select tour operators.

TRAVEL AGENTS

A travel agent can enhance your trip by providing information and advice not contained in this brochure. A&K has long-standing relationships with the industry's best travel agents and would be pleased to work with yours.

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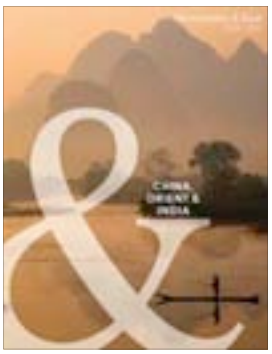

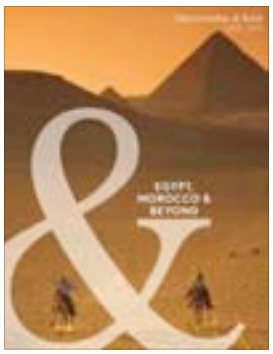

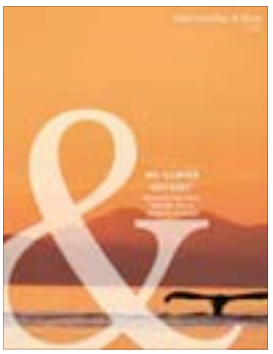
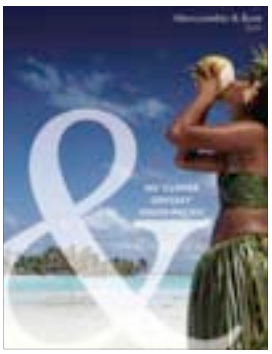

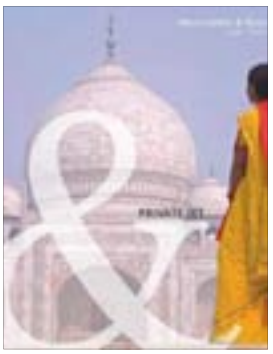

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